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Story **KAZUNE
KAWAHARA**
Art **ARUKO**



Shojo Beat

MY Love STORY!!

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MY *love* STORY!!



STORY Thus Far...

Takeo Goda, a first-year high school student, is a hot-blooded guy who is 6'6" tall and weighs 265 pounds. Boys look up to him, but the girls he falls in love with all end up liking his handsome best friend, Sunakawa!

Takeo gets his first girlfriend after he saves a girl named Yamato from a molester! Yamato's friends decide to have a mixer, but at the event, a fire breaks out! Takeo risks his life to save two of Yamato's friends who were unable to get away in time. Later, older students from the judo team beg Takeo to enter a tournament, which he wins magnificently! Yamato swoons over his performance! ♡

For Yamato's birthday, Takeo tries to please her with a plan he made with Sunakawa's help. When he learns that her birthday is the same as the day that Sunakawa's father is having surgery, however, he interrupts their date to be by Sunakawa's side. The surgery is a success, and when Yamato catches up to them, she is moved to tears by Takeo's kindness. Sunakawa comments on how nice it is to see Takeo and Yamato together...

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MU
Love
STORY!!

HI, THIS IS ARUKO!

Whenever
I draw
Takeo,
all I can
think
about is
how cool
he is.



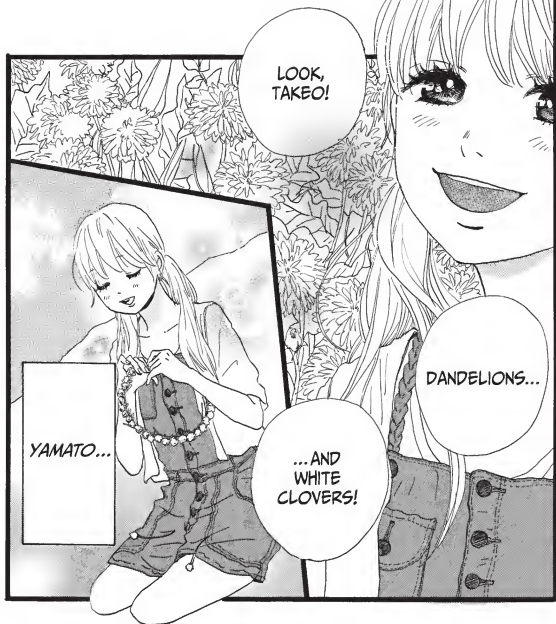
Volume 3
is out!
Thank
you for
all your
support.



In 2012, I came to truly realize how many
people love Takeo. And the more I draw
Yamato and Sunakawa, the more I love them!
I'm so happy and thrilled and having so
much fun! And I'm drawing as well as
I can, so please keep reading!

I hope to see you in
Volume 4 too. —♡





A close-up of a man with a flower crown, looking directly at the viewer with a neutral expression. He has a thick neck and a serious face.

I
LOVE
YOU.

YOU
LOOK
LIKE A
PRINCE!

A close-up of a girl with long hair, smiling broadly and looking up. She has a happy expression.

AWWW,
C'MON!
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO
WORRY
ABOUT!

MY BIRTHDAY
WAS AMAZING,
REMEMBER?
BUT THIS
MAKES ME
REALLY
HAPPY TOO.

A wide shot of a man and a girl standing in a field. The man is wearing a t-shirt with the word "mountain" on it and patterned shorts. The girl is wearing a tank top and shorts, and has a backpack. They are both looking at each other.

YAMATO...

NOTHING'S
GOING TO
TEAR ME
AWAY FROM
YOUR SIDE
TODAY.



HEY...

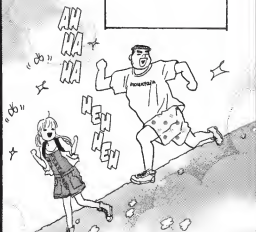
YOUR BAG LOOKS HEAVY. LET ME CARRY IT.

WHAT'VE YOU GOT IN HERE?

HEFT

mountain

YAMATO AND I DECIDED TO RE-CELEBRATE HER BIRTHDAY BY GOING ON A PICNIC.

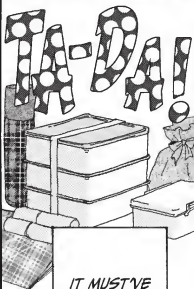


WILL YOU BE ABLE TO EAT IT ALL?

DID I MAKE TOO MUCH? I MIGHT'VE GONE OVER-BOARD.

DING

mountain



IT MUST'VE BEEN HARD FOR HER TO CARRY ALL THIS!

UM... MOSTLY FOOD AND DRINKS AND STUFF.

THIS IS ALL FOOD ?!

PLUS TOWELS, A PICNIC BLANKET, TRASH BAGS...



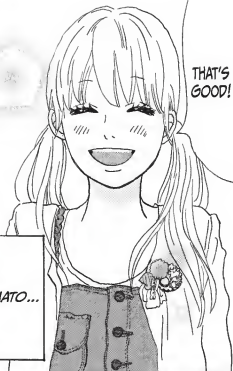
THAT
BROOCH
LOOKS
GREAT ON
YOU.

THAT'S
GOOD!

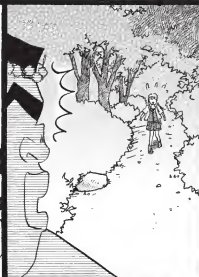
OKAY!

WE TURN
RIGHT
HERE.

YAMATO...



SORRY!
ARE YOU
TIRED?
WANT TO
STOP FOR
A BIT?



IT'S
MORE
LIKE
MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING.

THIS ISN'T
MUCH OF
A PICNIC.

I'M JUST
SLOW.
SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.

NOPE,
I'M FINE!
I'VE GOT
PLENTY OF
STAMINA!







TAKEO
GAVE
ME THAT!
GET
BACK
HERE!

OH!

Swoop

?! 

NOOOO!



DRP



GRAB

**GR
A
B**

**YAMATO'S
FOOD!!**

**GR
AB**

YAMATO!!

**MY
FLOWER
CROWN!**

ooooo

Ε
Ε
Ε
Ε
Ε

Ε
Κ

BOMF!

WHOA





...THERE'S
NO WAY WE
CAN CLIMB
BACK UP.

WHERE
ARE
WE?

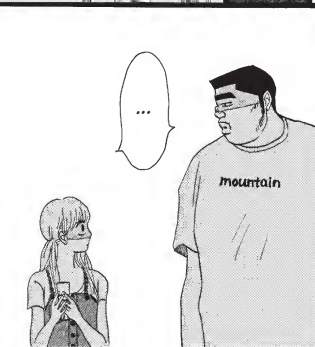
BUT...

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!
TALK TO
ME--!

T-
TAKEO!



I'M FINE.
I SAVED THE
FOOD TOO.



...



WE NEED
TO CALL
FOR
HELP!



NO SERVICE

...!!

WHAT?!

WE'RE
OUT OF
RANGE,
TAKEO!

MEANWHILE,
YAMATO'S FRIENDS...

WE GOT
STRANDED
DURING A
PICNIC?!

THAT TOTALLY
SOUNDS LIKE
SOMETHING
THEY'D DO.

SHE
SAID SHE
AND TAKEO
WERE GOING
ON A PICNIC!

WHAT'S
RINKO
UP TO
TODAY?

RINKO'S
BOYFRIEND
ISN'T EXACTLY
COOL, BUT...

RIGHT
?

HE DIDN'T
SAY ANY-
THING!

SUNAKAWA'S
COOL, BUT
HE SEEMED
HARD TO
CONNECT
WITH.

THEY'VE
BEEN GOING
OUT FOR
ABOUT TWO
MONTHS,
RIGHT?

HER BOY-
FRIEND'S SO
GREAT.

I GET THE
FEELING RINKO
THINKS HE
LOOKS EVEN
COOLER THAN
SUNAKAWA.

YEAH.

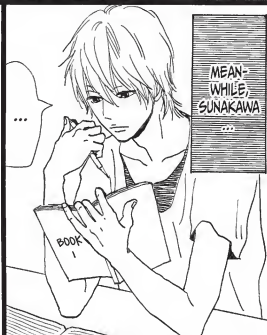
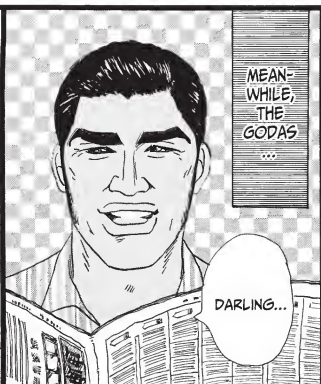
SHE
DEFINITELY
DOES.

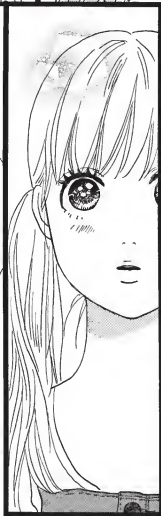
I'D SAY HE'S
COOL, BUT...
WELL...

THAT
SOUNDS
GOOD.

HE'S
VERY
MANLY.

HMM...
HOW
SHOULD
I PUT
THIS?





ountain



RIGHT
NOW,
THE MAIN
THING
IS...

...GETTING
YAMATO
HOME
SAFELY!



BUT...

...THERE'S
NO POINT
THINKING
"WHAT IF."

BE
CAREFUL,
TAKED!



GRIP

IF I'D
GRABBED
A TREE, WE
WOULDN'T
HAVE
FALLEN.

SKFF
SKFF

SKFF

SKFF



WE
CAN?



WE
CAN GET
HOME.

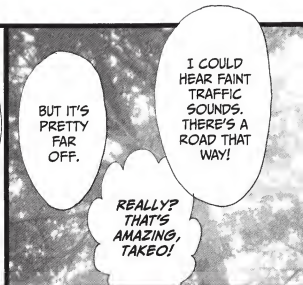
IT'LL
BE FINE,
YAMATO.





WE MIGHT NOT MAKE IT BACK TO TOWN UNTIL TOMORROW.

WHAT?



BUT IT'S PRETTY FAR OFF.

I COULD HEAR FAINT TRAFFIC SOUNDS. THERE'S A ROAD THAT WAY!

REALLY? THAT'S AMAZING, TAKEO!



RIGHT...

YAMATO SEEMS UNCOMFORTABLE.



YEAH.

...SPENDING THE NIGHT TOGETHER?

SO WE'LL BE...



SPENDING THE NIGHT TOGETHER
SPENDING THE NIGHT TOGETHER
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JUST LEAVE
EVERYTHING
TO ME.

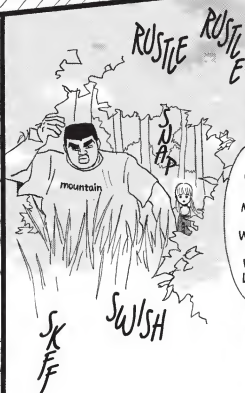
TH-
TH-
TH-
MP

PAT

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT A
THING.



SQUEE
E
E



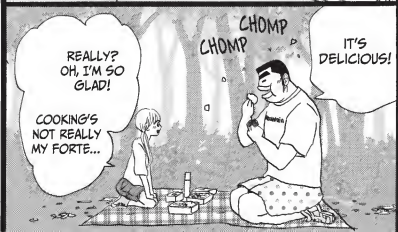
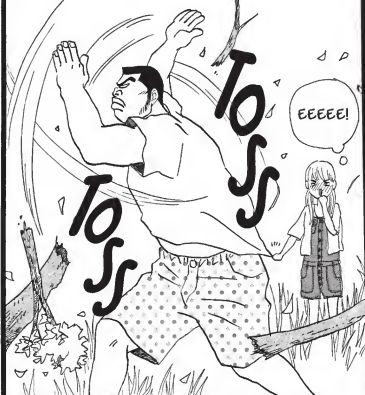
FIRST, WE
HEAD DUE
SOUTH.
FOLLOW
ME WHILE
I BREAK
A TRAIL.

WE DON'T
HAVE TO
MOVE TOO
FAST, BUT
WE SHOULD
TRAVEL
WHILE IT'S
LIGHT OUT.

IS
SOUTH
THAT
WAY?!

UM...

OKAY!









MOSQUITO.



SWSH

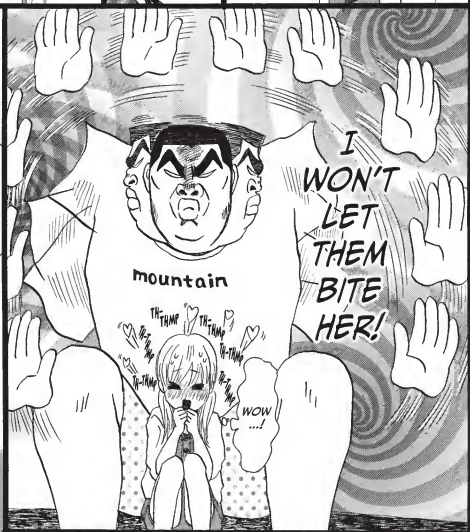


ARE WE STILL OUT OF CELL RANGE, YAMATO?

HUH?

UM...
YEAH. NO
SIGNAL.

I SEE...
EVERYONE
MUST BE
WORRIED.

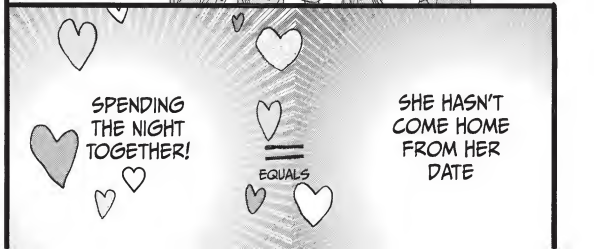
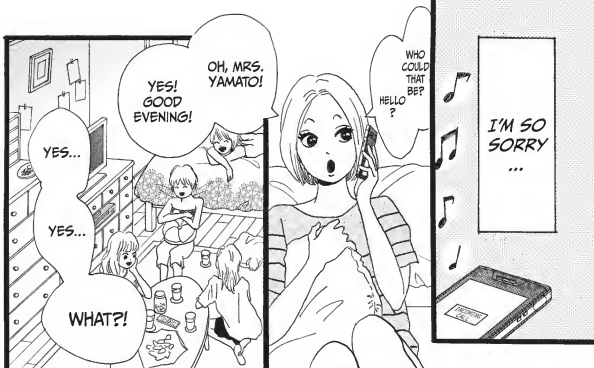


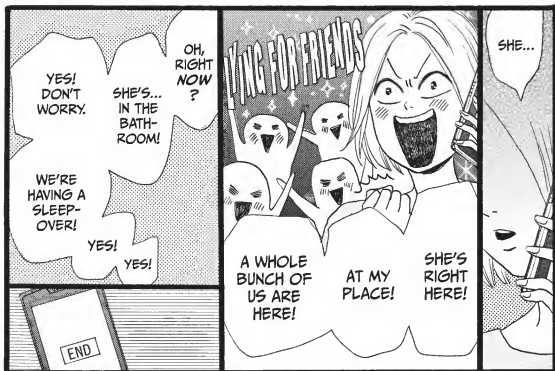
mountain

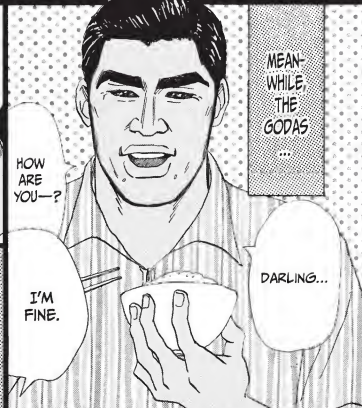
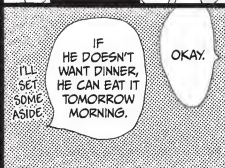
I
WON'T
LET
THEM
BITE
HER!

TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP

WOW
...!





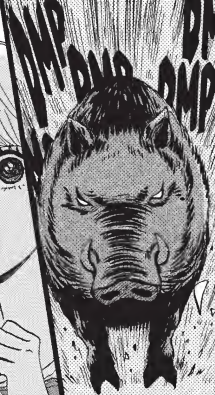




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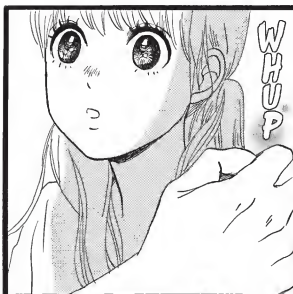
?!
E E E P!

SOME-
THING'S
COMING!



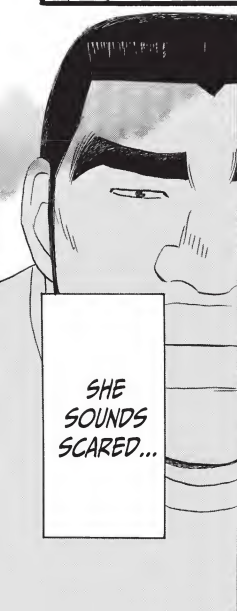
HAH!





IT'S NOTHING.
JUST A WILD BOAR.

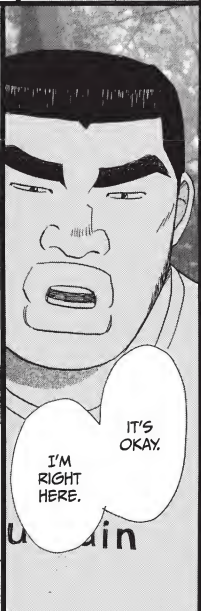
A W-
WILD-



SHE
SOUNDS
SCARED...



T-TAKEO...



IT'S
OKAY.

I'M
RIGHT
HERE.



I'D
FIGHT
EVEN A
BEAR
FOR
YOU.

I'LL
PROTECT
YOU.

WOW...

DON'T
WORRY,
YAMATO.



THANK
YOU,
MOON!

I BET
THE EXTRA
LIGHT
WILL HELP
HER CALM
DOWN.

LOOK!

THE
MOON'S
BRIGHT
NOW!

HUH? OH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!



YOU
MUST BE
EXHAUSTED
BY NOW.

LET'S
LIE
DOWN.

EH?



CHECK OUT
THE SKY,
YAMATO. THE
STARS ARE
BEAUTIFUL.

YEAH!

IT'S SO DARK
OUT HERE THAT
WE CAN SEE
MILLIONS OF
THEM!

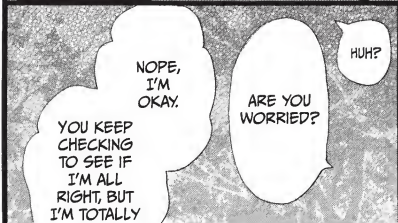
OH!
YOU'RE
RIGHT!



IT'S LIKE A
PLANETARIUM!



YEAH,
IT IS.



NOPE,
I'M
OKAY.

YOU KEEP
CHECKING
TO SEE IF
I'M ALL
RIGHT, BUT
I'M TOTALLY
FINE.

ARE YOU
WORRIED?

HUH?



THAT'S
GOOD.

YEAH.

I'M SO
HAPPY
RIGHT
NOW.

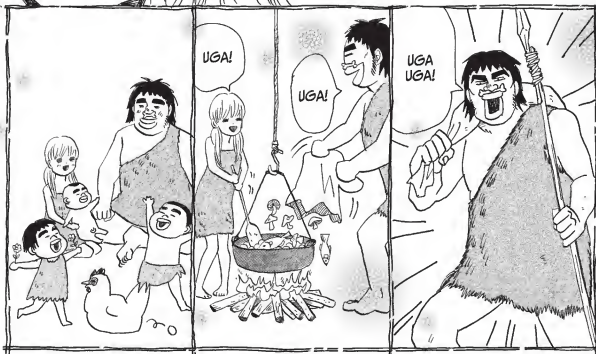
ARE YOU
FEELING
ALL RIGHT,
YAMATO?



...I THINK I'D
BE HAPPY TO
LIVE IN THESE
MOUNTAINS WITH
YOU FOR THE
REST OF MY
LIFE...

ACTUALLY...

THIS
IS SO
GREAT
...



UGA!

UGA!

UGA
UGA!



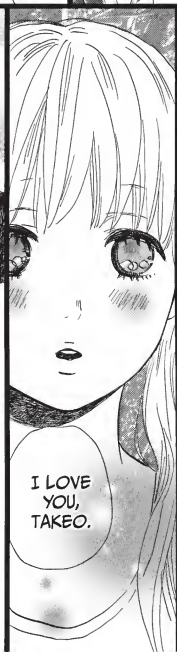
T-TAKEO?

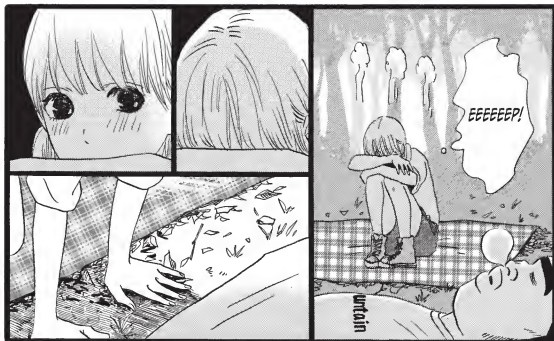


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EEE!









I GET TO
SEE HER
SLEEP.

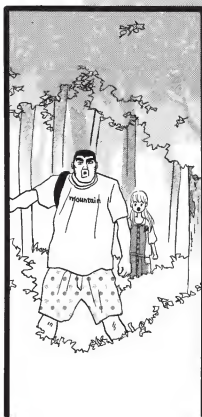


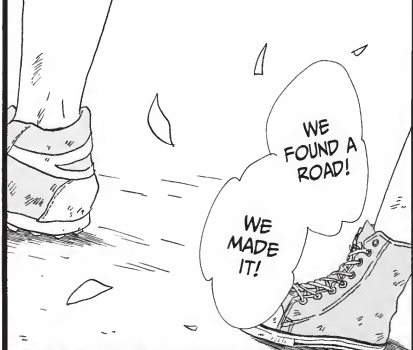
I
LOVE
HER.

GOOD
MORNING,
TAKEO!

DID
SHE FALL
ASLEEP
BECAUSE
SHE FEELS
SAFE BEING
WITH ME?









YEAH, I
ATTRACT
THEM FOR
SOME
REASON.

GAH...

mountain

I
COULDN'T
PROTECT
HER...!

OH NO!
TAKEO, THE
MOSQUITOES
ATE YOU
ALIVE!

YOU
DO?

YAMATO...

WELL, THAT
MEANS I
MANAGED
TO LURE AT
LEAST ONE
OF THEM
AWAY FROM
YOU!

GO
ME!

I'M
GLAD!
♡

☑ Rinko---!!!!

I made up an excuse for
your mom!
Come to my place tomorrow.
We expect a full report!
No details spared! 
We'll all be waiting!

I SHOULD
CALL HOME
RIGHT AWAY.

HUH?
I HAVE A
MESSAGE
FROM
NANAKO.

V
R
O
O
M

YOU'RE
THE
BEST.

THERE'S
A BUS.

?

駅
STATION



WELL...

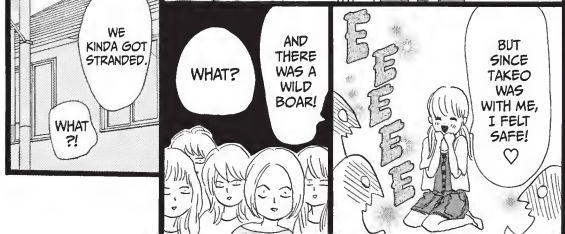
OKAY.
SAY HI
FOR
ME.

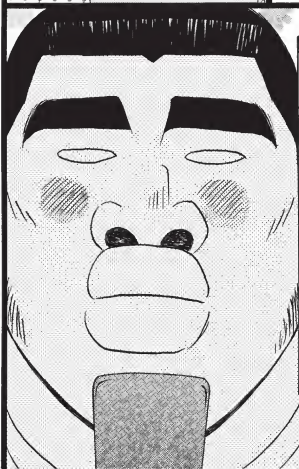
I'M
GUESS I'M
GOING TO
NANAKO'S.

WHAT
IS IT?

I
WILL!



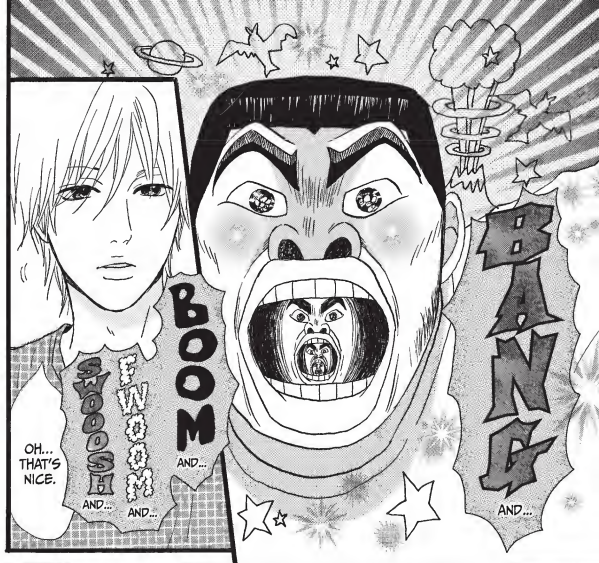




✉ From Yamato

I'm glad we got home safely! ☺
I'm sorry for being so
excited when you were working
so hard. 🐾
My heart was pounding from
being alone with you, but I
had a lot of fun! 🌸💕
Thank you, Takeo. 🌸💕💕





OH...
THAT'S
NICE.

WOOSH
AND...
AND...

FWOOSH
AND...
AND...

BOOM
AND...

BANG
AND...

TAKEO...

I LOVE
YOU SO
MUCH...

...YAMATO!!

BONG
AND...

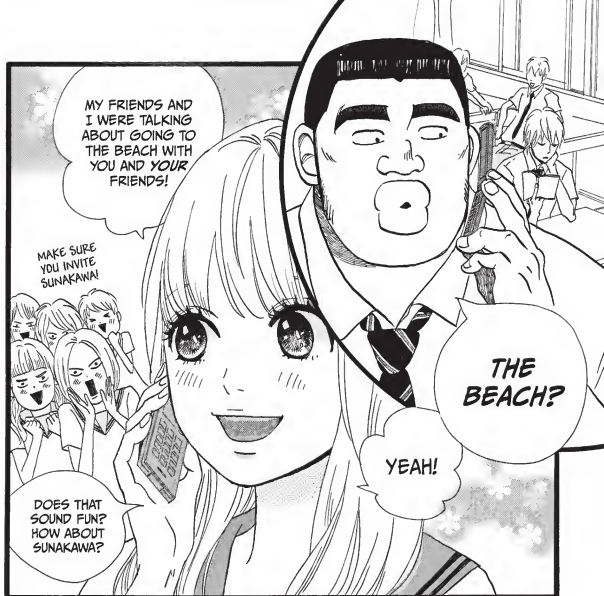
...ZOOM
AND...

...THUDUDUD
AND FOOF
AND...

I DON'T
THINK
EMOTICONS
ARE UP TO
THE JOB.

HEY,
TAKEO?





I'M DRAGGING YOU, SUNA.

COUNT
ME IN
TOO!

I
WANT
TO
GO

WHAT? GOING TO THE BEACH WITH TAKED'S GIRLFRIEND'S FRIENDS?!

НУН

Н
Е
Н
Н
Е
Н
:

I CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE THE
GIRLS'
SWIMSUITS!

**YOU'RE
NOT
COMING!**

WHY?

HUH?

**YEAH!
LET'S
GO!**



AREN'T YOU
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO SEEING
WHAT YOUR
GIRLFRIEND
WEARS?

HE'S
RIGHT!

HUH?
WHAT'RE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT? GIRLS'
SWIMSUITS ARE
HALF THE FUN
OF GOING TO
THE BEACH.



SWIM-
SUITS...

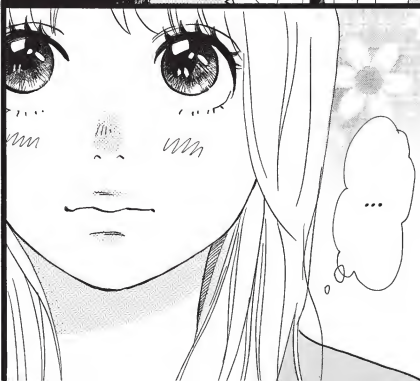
...ARE JUST
CLOTHES
FOR
SWIMMING!



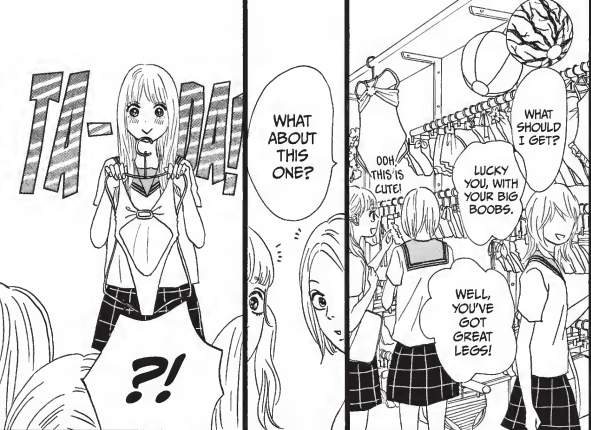
DON'T
WORRY,
YAMATO.

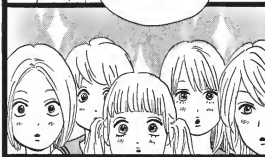
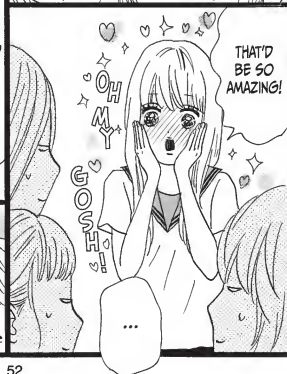
I REFUSE TO
BE SOME
SCUMBAG WHO
GIVES HER
WEIRD LOOKS!

YAMATO WOULD
ONLY WEAR A
SWIMSUIT MEANT
FOR SWIMMING!



IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHAT
KIND OF
SWIMSUIT
YOU WEAR.









UM,
TAKEO?



WELL, SEE
YOU TO-
MORROW!

SEE
YOU
THEN.

I'M GETTING
READY TOO.
I'M REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT!



YEAH,
I AM
TOO.



OH,
GOTCHA.

AND WOULDN'T
IT BE BETTER TO
BLOW UP THE
INFLATABLE STUFF
ONCE YOU GET
THERE? THEY'RE
TAKING UP A LOT
OF SPACE.



WATERMELONS!
WE'RE PLAYING
THAT SPLITTING-
WATERMELONS
GAME, RIGHT?

WHAT IS
THAT?

THAT
LOOKS
LIKE A LOT.
HOW MANY
ARE IN
THERE?



WORRIED
ABOUT THE
WEATHER?

...
NEVER
MIND.

...NOTH-
ING.



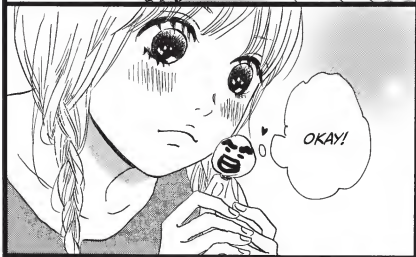
TAKEO, ARE
YOU REALLY
ALL RIGHT?

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

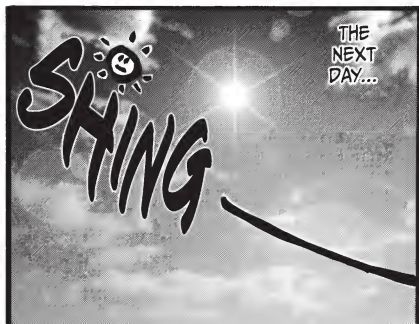
I
WANT TO
WATCH
THE
SUNSET
THERE
WITH
YAMATO.

AS A KID,
I WAS
BLOWN AWAY
WATCHING
THE OCEAN
SUNSET.

I
LOVE
THE
BEACH.



OKAY!



THE
NEXT
DAY...



WANT
SOME
CANDY?

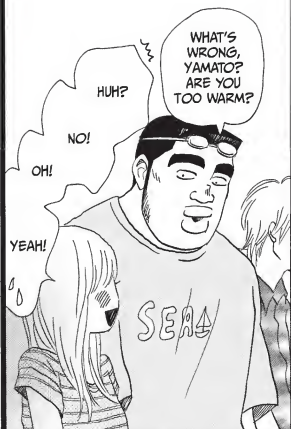
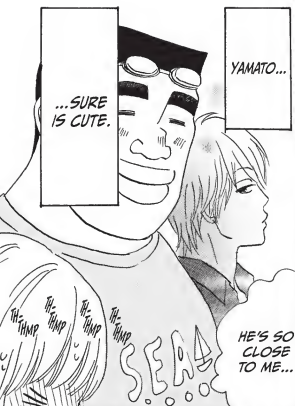
IT'S SO
SUNNY!
TOTALLY!

IT'S
BEEN
AGES,
HOW'VE
YOU
BEEN?

HOW'RE
WE
GETTING
THERE?
TRAIN?
BUS?

WHY THE
HECK
WOULD
YOU ASK
THAT?

HOW DID
YOU DO
ON THE
SEMESTER
EXAM?



THANKS
FOR
WAIT-
ING!

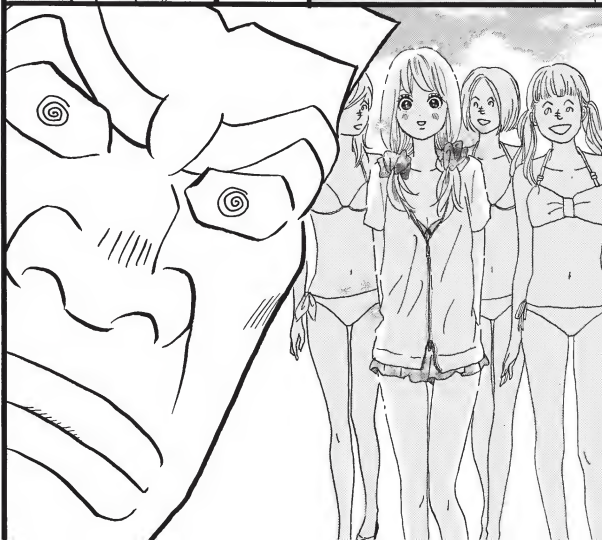
THERE
THEY
ARE!

...SWIMMING,
SPLITTING
WATERMELONS
AND HUNTING
CRABS.

THE
BEACH IS
FOR...

GLARE

SWIMSuits!!!
WOO HO O!♥





STOP
STARING
LIKE THAT.



ZZZSSSHH ———



SPLAS ———

H

HUH?
HA HA...
HA...

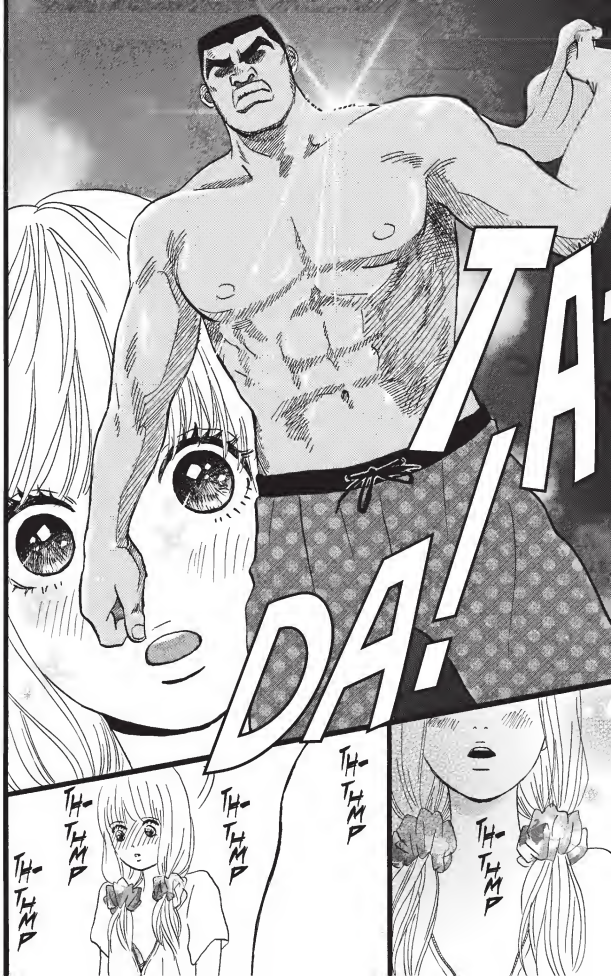
YOU'RE
ALL SO
CUTE!

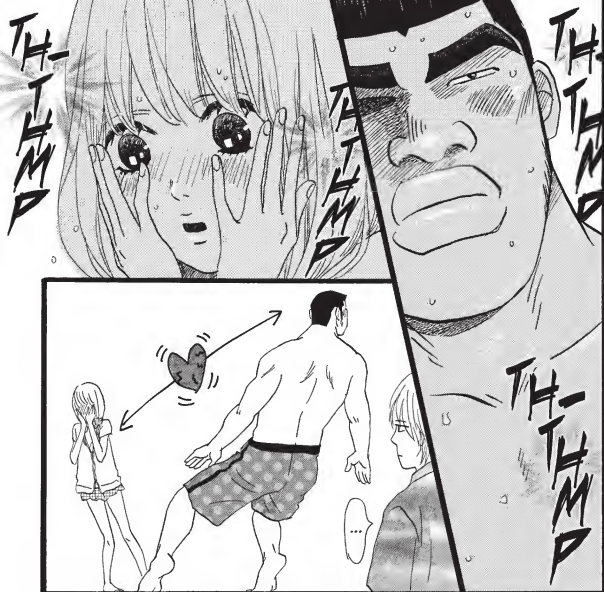
WHY
DON'T YOU
CHANGE
INTO YOUR
SWIMSUIT,
TAKEO?

YOU'RE
ACTING
LIKE A
DIRTY
OLD MAN.
HA HA...

YEAH! I
PROBABLY
SHOULD!

OH!





...SWIM-
MING AS
HARD AS
YOU CAN...

...SPLIT-
TING
WATER-
MELONS...

...DIGGING
FOR
CLAMS...

...HUNTING
CRABS...

DAYS
AT THE
BEACH
ARE
ABOUT...

VA VA VAVA VAVA

IT'S SO WEIRD.
I CAN'T GO NEAR HER!

A SEA MONSTER?!

WHY DOES IT FEEL SO STRANGE TODAY?

...
THAT WHALE OFF-SHORE IS HIM, RIGHT?

RINKO, DON'T YOU THINK TAKEO'S PRETTY FAR OUT?

DAZED

YOU LOOK SO GOOD IN THE SUN!

TAKED!

TAKE THAT HOODIE OFF!

HUH? O-O-KAY.

DON'T YOU WANT TO GET HIM EXCITED?

NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO GET CAPTIVATED BY HIM!

BLUB

...GETTING WEIRD SUNTANS...

BLUB

...HAVING YOUR SKIN PEEL LIKE A MAP...

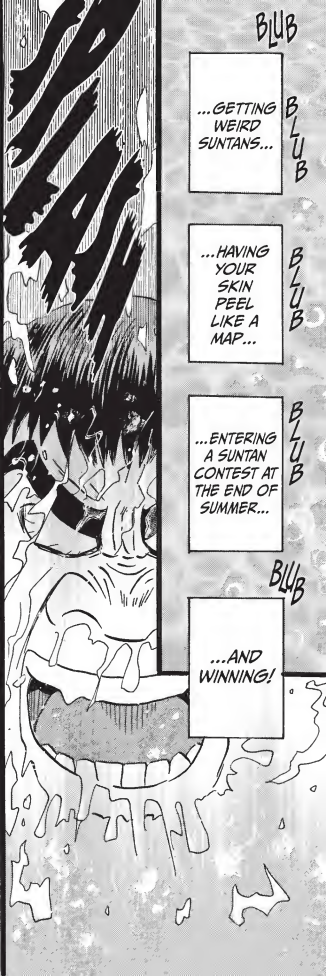
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...ENTERING A SUNTAN CONTEST AT THE END OF SUMMER...

BLUB

BLUB

...AND WINNING!





BWA
HA
HA!

WRONG
WAY,
TAKEO!

HOW
FAR IS HE
GONNA
GO?

HA
HA
HA!

SPLIT
THE
WATER-
MELON!

I JUST
HAVE TO
MAKE
SURE I
DON'T
LOOK AT
HER-!

GREAT! NOW
STRAIGHT
FORWARD.

LEFT,
LEFT!

OH!

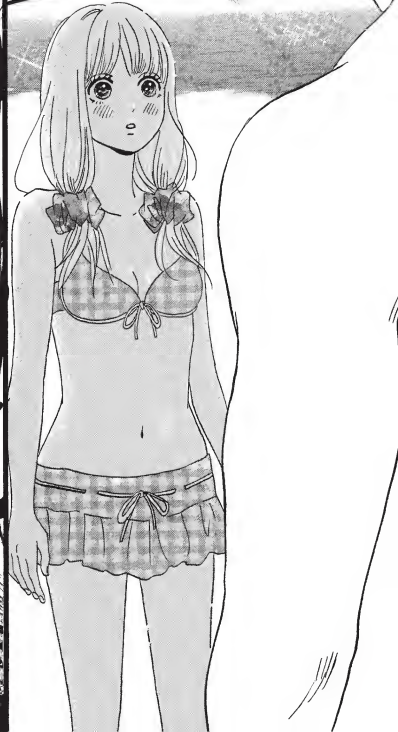
DIED

SO
COOL
...

THREE
MORE
STEPS...

WAIT,
TAKEO!
STOP!

THAT'S
YAMATO...!





**TAKEO IS BACK
IN THE GAME!!!**

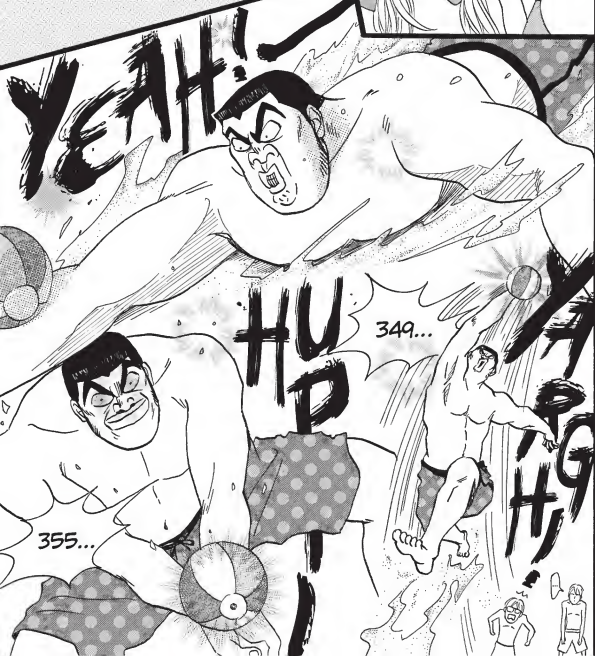


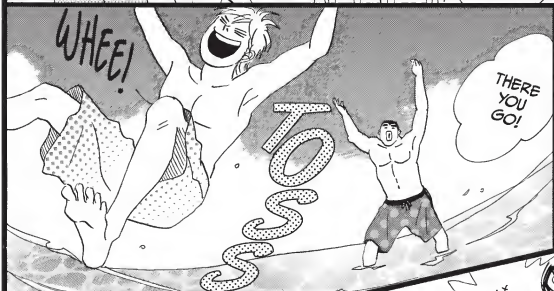
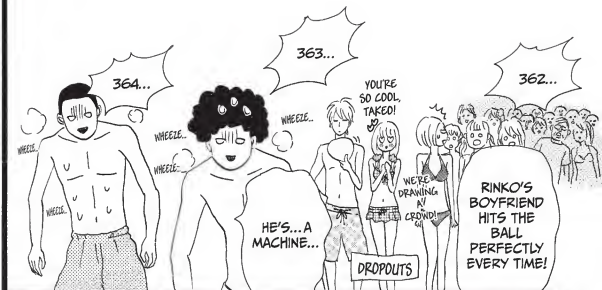
ALL
RIGHT!

TIME FOR
SOME
BEACH
VOLLEY-
BALL!

O...

OKAY!





TH-THMP ♡

HUH?

U-UM,
WELL...
I...

YOU
CAN
DO IT,
RINKO.

AH
...!

HUH? I-I CAN
DO IT. BUT IS IT
OKAY TO TOUCH
HIS SKIN?!

FIDGET FIDGET

?

OH...

TH-
THANKS
...

WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
YAMATO?

WANT ME TO
GIVE YOU A
TOW?

I WAS
RIGHT!

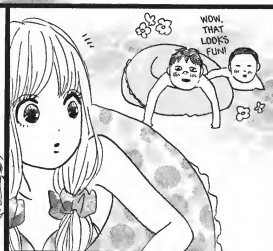
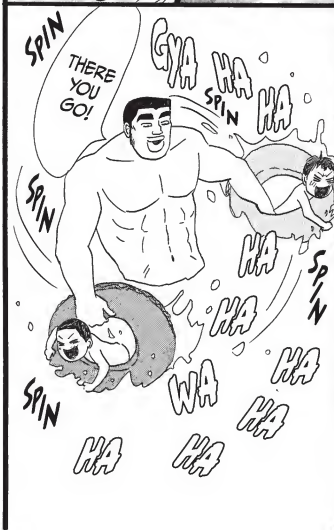
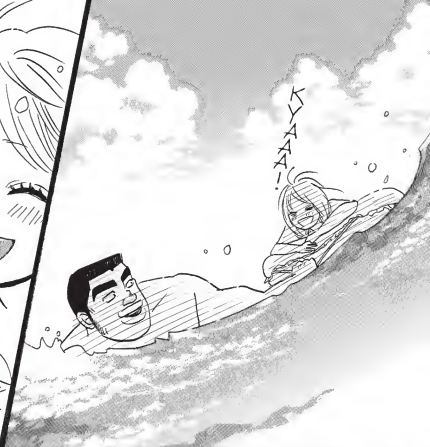
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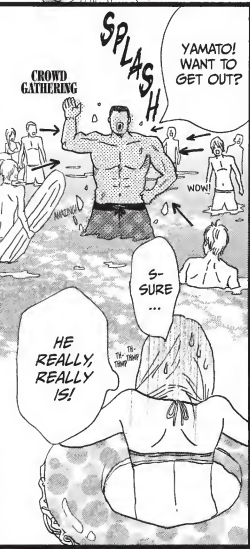


HUH?

DOES
SHE
NEED
THIS?

SHA







RINKO?
SHE'D
PROBABLY
HAVE A
HEART
ATTACK!

WHY
DON'T
YOU GO
GET
COZY
WITH
HIM?

YOU
REALLY
LIKE
HIM,
DON'T
YOU?

I WANT TO
GET HIM
EXCITED, BUT
I KEEP BEING
THE ONE WHO
GETS ALL
WORKED UP.

PAN
PAN
PAN

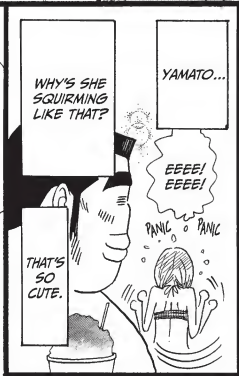
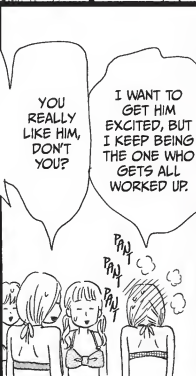
WHY'S SHE
SQUIRMING
LIKE THAT?

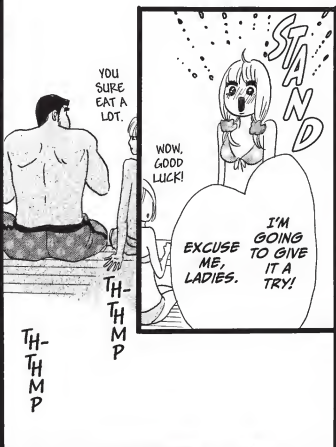
YAMATO...

EEEE!
EEEE!

PANIC
PANIC

THAT'S
SO
CUTE.





WANT TO GO
HANG OUT BY
THE ROCKS
WITH ME?

TAKED
...?

BY THE
ROCKS!

UM...
ER...

I BET SHE
WANTS TO
GO HUNT
CRABS!
THAT'S A
GREAT
SPOT!

**N
O
D!**

YOU
BET!

...



TH-THMP

TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP

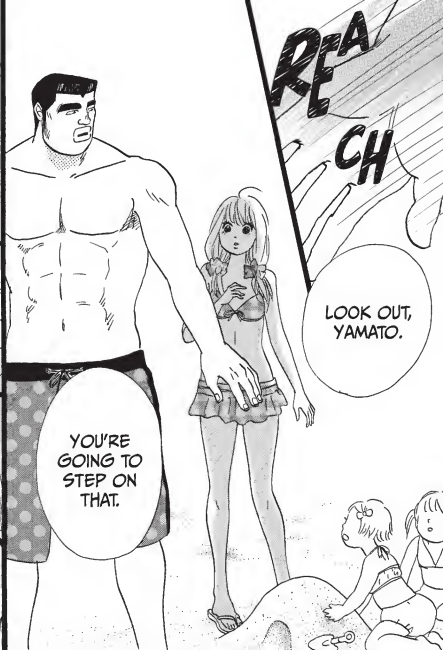
TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP

OKAY!

TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP



LOOK OUT,
YAMATO.

YOU'RE
GOING TO
STEP ON
THAT.

YAMATO?!

DASH

I'M
SORRY!

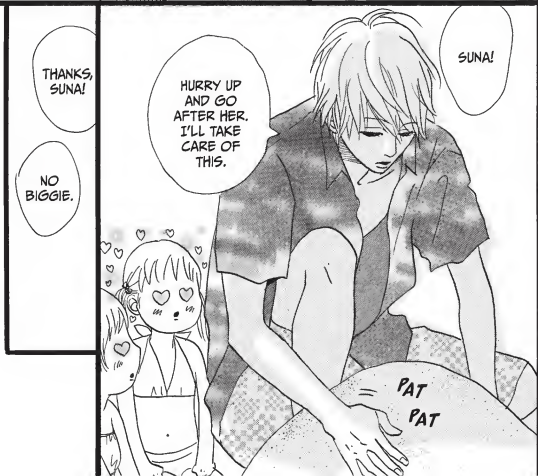
I'M
SORRY,
TAKEO!

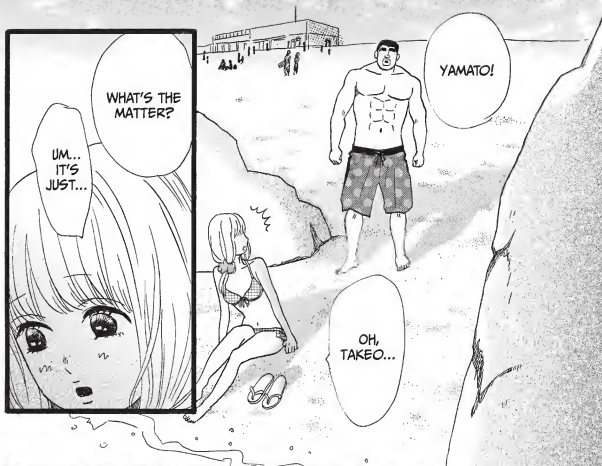
I WAS
ONLY
THINKING
ABOUT
MYSELF.

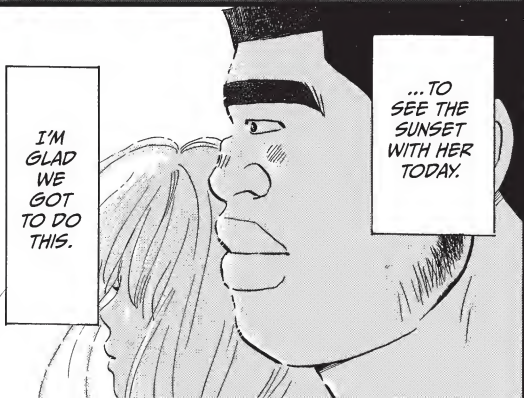
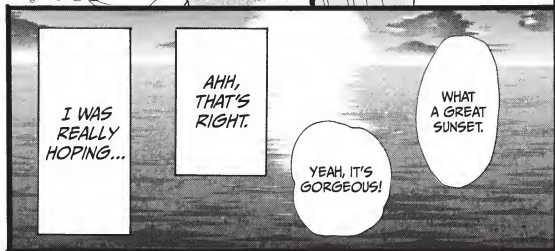
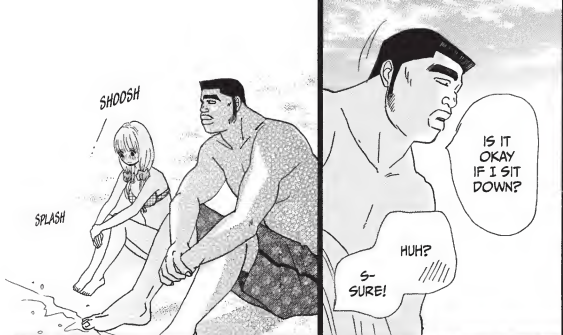
THIS
IS SO
EMBAR-
RASSING!

I...

SMOOSH









IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL...

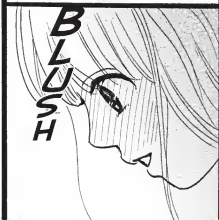


I'M SO
HAPPY
RIGHT
NOW.

SHA SHAA



AND I
WANT TO
BE WITH
YOU.



**B
L
U
S
H**



I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED
...

...TO
BECOME
SOMEONE
WHO'S
AS BIG-
HEARTED...

...AS THE
OCEAN.

SPLSSSH



YOU'RE
BEAUTI-
FUL.

YAMATO

...



THANK
YOU!

IT'LL
BE
FINE!

GUARD!

SHAA

OH!



MY
CHEST
FEELS
HOT
TOO.

S
P
L
A
S
H

MAYBE
IT'S THE
WARMTH
OF THE
SETTING
SUN...



...MAKING
MY FACE
FEEL SO
HOT.



YAMATO...

I
LOVE
YOU.



MM-
HMM.





I LOVE
YOU TOO,
TAKEO.

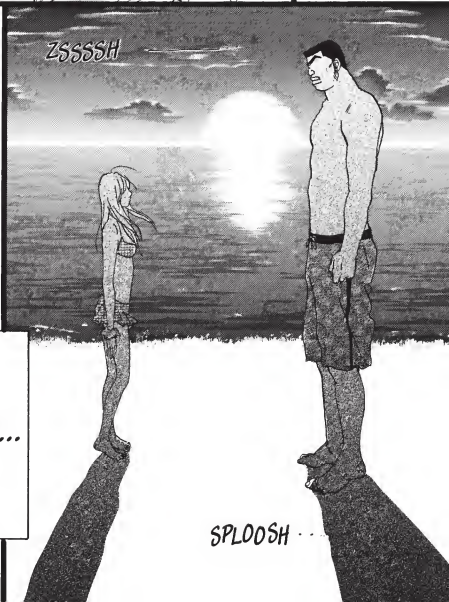
SAME
HERE.

S
P
L
A
S
H

TH-
THMP

TH-
THMP

YAMATO...



ZSSSSH

SPLOOSH

SPLASH

I...

I...

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

TH-THMP

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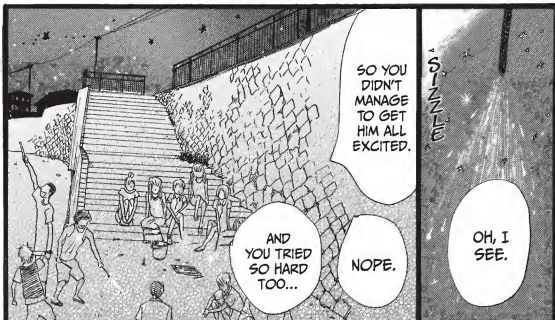
C'MON,
HURRY
UP!

WE'RE
GOING TO
SET OFF
FIRE-
WORKS!

SO THIS
IS WHERE
YOU TWO
GOT TO!
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?

OH,
HEY!





SO YOU
DIDN'T
MANAGE
TO GET
HIM ALL
EXCITED.

SIZZLE

AND
YOU TRIED
SO HARD
TOO...

NOPE.

OH, I
SEE.



YUKATAS?

WE
COULD
WEAR
YUKA-
TAS!

YEAH!

WANNA
GO WATCH
FIREWORKS
WITH
EVERYBODY
SOMETIME?

YEAH,
THIS
WAS A
GOOD
DAY.



BUT
I DID
HAVE A
LOT OF
FUN!



LET
IT
GO,
RINKO.

DO YOU
THINK TAKEO
WOULD LIKE
SEEING ME IN
A YUKATA?!



WE WERE
THINKING
OF ALL
GOING TO
SEE FIRE-
WORKS
SOMETIME!
SOUND
GOOD?

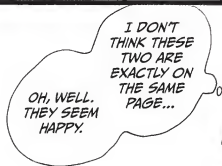
FIREWORKS,
HUH? THAT
SOUNDS
GREAT! LET'S
DO IT!

HEY,
TAKEO!



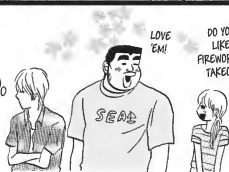
YAMATO
AND FIRE-
WORKS...!
NOW THAT
WOULD BE
EMOTIONAL
...!

I'LL
GET HIM
WORKED
UP NEXT
TIME!



I DON'T
THINK THESE
TWO ARE
EXACTLY ON
THE SAME
PAGE...

OH, WELL.
THEY SEEM
HAPPY.



LOVE
'EM!

DO YOU
LIKE
FIREWORKS,
TAKEO?

MY
Love
STORY!!

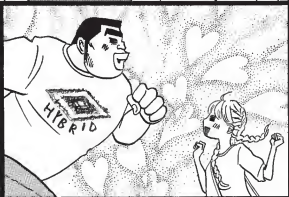


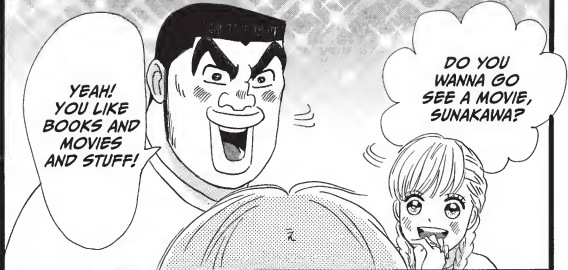


WERE YOU
WAITING
LONG,
TAKEO?



NOPE!
I JUST
GOT HERE
MYSELF!





**YEAH!
YOU LIKE
BOOKS AND
MOVIES
AND STUFF!**

**DO YOU
WANNA GO
SEE A MOVIE,
SUNAKAWA?**



**LET'S
GO!**

**IGNORE
WHAT
I JUST
SAID!**

**IT'S MY
TREAT!
I JUST
GOT
PAID!**

**IT
IS?**

**I DON'T
HAVE
MUCH
MONEY
RIGHT
NOW.**

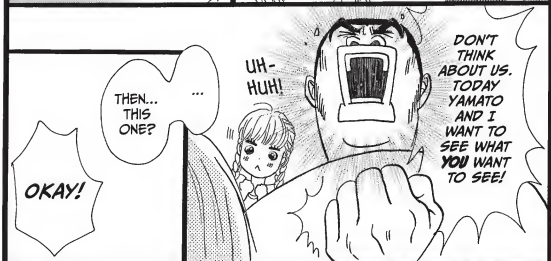
**THAT'S
PER-
FECT!**

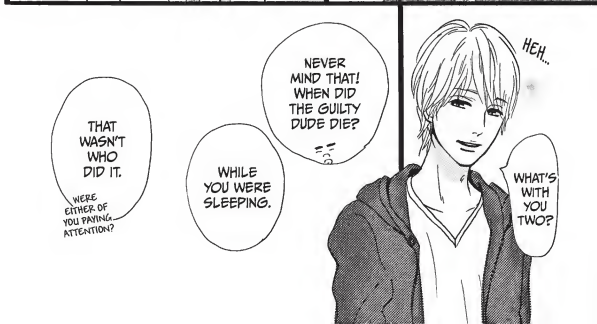
**UH...
THANKS.
I'LL PAY
YOU
BACK.**

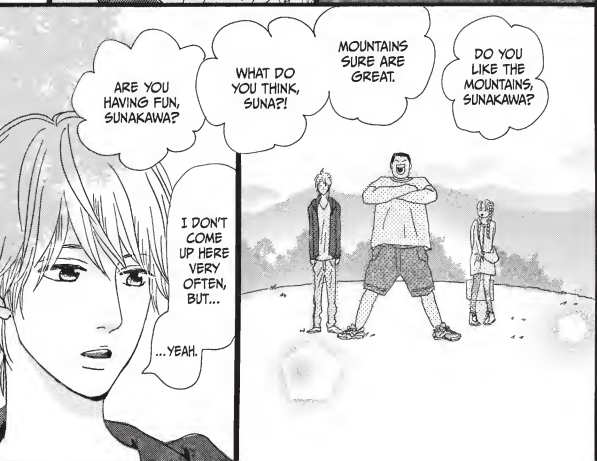


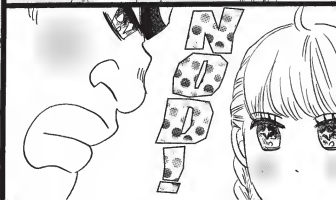
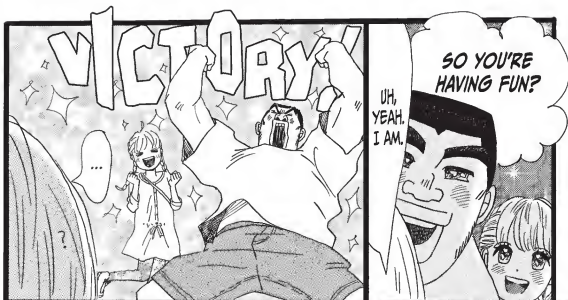
**PICK
WHICHEVER
SOUNDS
BEST!**

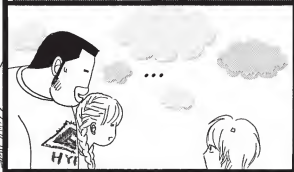
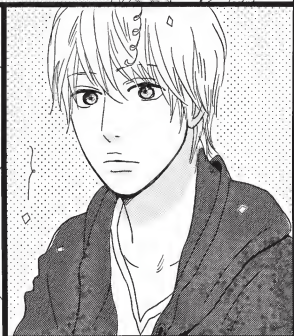
**WHICH ONE
DO YOU WANT
TO SEE?**



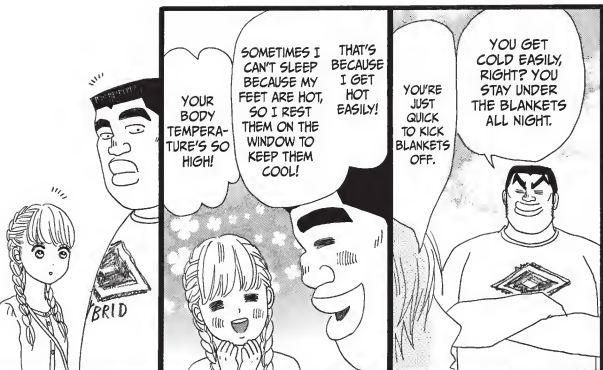


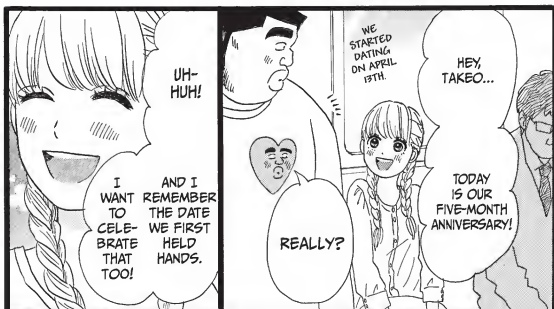




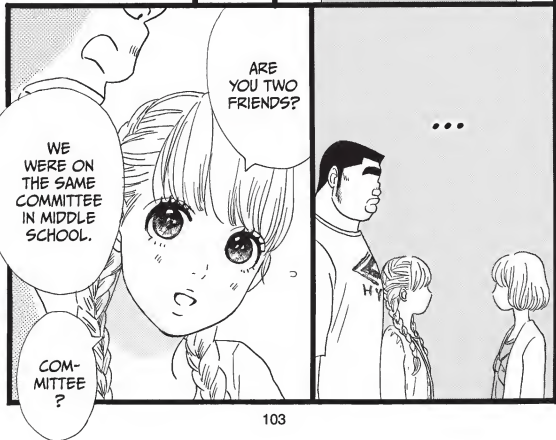
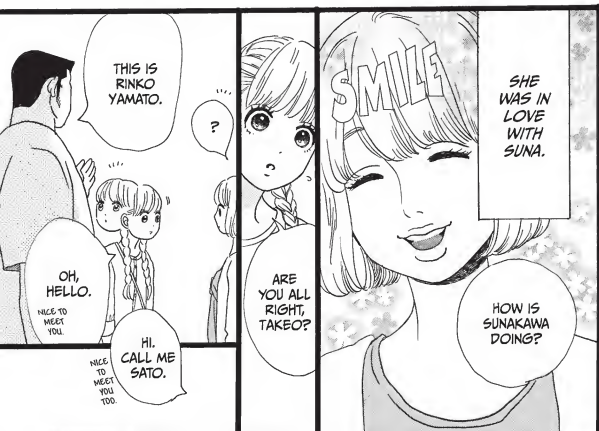














SEE YOU AROUND.

OKAY.

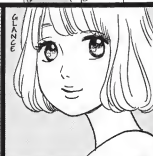
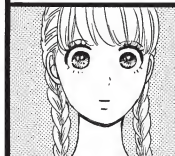
HA HA!
THAT WAS A
STRANGE
JOB,
WASN'T
IT?



WHAT
DID YOU
DO?



THE
PRINTOUT
COMMITTEE!



WE JUST
MADE
PRINTOUTS.

* WHAT IS THE PRINT-
OUT COMMITTEE? *
THEIR JOB IS TO PREP PRINT-
OUTS FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.
THEY COMPILE THE TEACHERS'
HANDOUTS, STAPLE THEM
TOGETHER AND DELIVER THEM
TO EACH CLASSROOM. THEY
HAVE TO WORK OUT THE MOST
EFFICIENT METHODS.



SATO?
NO WAY.

SHE DIDN'T
LIKE ME,
APPARENTLY.

HOW
COME?

WELL...

I WAS
WONDERING
IF SHE HAD
FEELINGS
FOR YOU
BACK THEN.

HM?



THAT
GIRL...

...WE MET
EARLIER...

WERE
YOU ONLY
TOGETHER
ON THAT
COMMITTEE?



HE TOLD
ME ALL THE
GIRLS I FELL
IN LOVE WITH
WERE LIKE
THAT.

OTHER
THAN
YAMATO.

WHAT?
SHE
DIDN'T
SEEM
LIKE
THAT
TYPE.

... SHE
SAID BAD
STUFF
ABOUT
ME.

SUNA
TOLD
ME...

SUNA
DOESN'T
LIE.



I
SEE...

HYBR

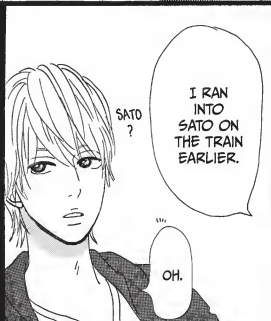
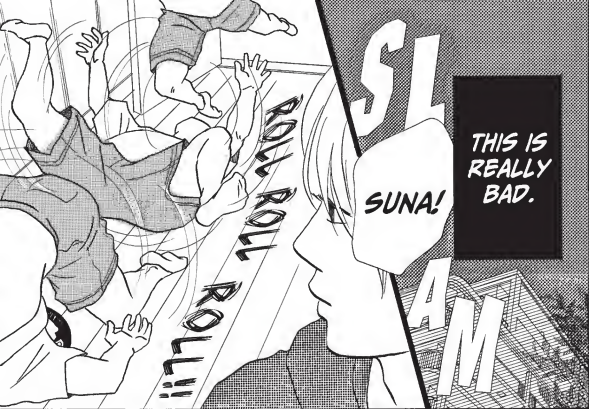


GO
BACK
THEN,
YEAH.



HUH?
SO YOU
USED
TO LIKE
HER?





I DON'T
EITHER.

WELL, I
DON'T THINK
SHE'D WANT
YOU TO
HIDE IT.

I
SCREWED
UP.

AH.

AND
YAMATO
GOT DE-
PRESSED.

YEAH.

DID YOU
TELL
YAMATO
THAT YOU
USED
TO LIKE
SATO?

...YOU
WOULD'VE
BEEN ABLE
TO SMOOTH
THINGS OVER
WITH HER.

I
BET...

SUNA...

BUT
YOU'RE
THE ONE
YAMATO'S
IN LOVE
WITH.

I HAD NO
INTENTION
OF HIDING IT,
BUT I THINK
I COULD'VE
FOUND A BETTER
WAY TO TELL
HER.

YEAH.

I NEVER
USED
TO CARE
WHEN
GIRLS
LIKED
SUNA...

BUT
I CAN'T
REALLY
SAY THAT
ANYMORE.

...OR
IF THEY
BAD-
MOUTHED
ME.



SLAM

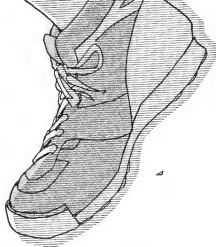
SHUP

I'M GOING
OUT FOR A
RUN.

I'VE
NEVER...

SO EVEN
IF I WAS
KINDA
STUPID
OR DENSE
SOME-
TIMES...

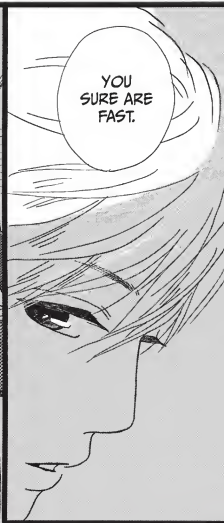
...BEEN IN
THE POSITION
OF HAVING A
GIRL LIKE ME
BEFORE.



...IT NEVER
RESULTED
IN A GIRL
I LOVE
GETTING
HURT.



SUNA!



YOU
SURE ARE
FAST.



...REMEMBERS
EXACTLY WHEN
WE STARTED
DATING AND
WHEN WE
FIRST HELD
HANDS.

YAMATO...

SHE SAID
THOSE ARE
DAYS SHE
WANTS TO
CELEBRATE.

THAT'S
IMPRESSIVE.

IT SEEMS
LIKE SOME-
THING SHE'D
DO.

YAMATO
CHERISHES
EVERY
MOMENT.

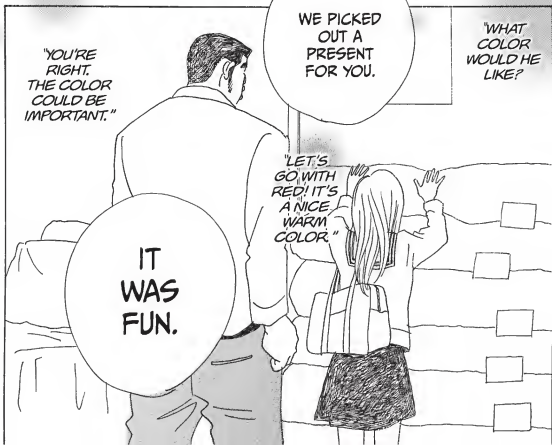
...BUT IT NEVER
WOULD'VE
OCCURRED
TO ME TO
CELEBRATE
THEM.

I REMEMBERED
WHAT HAPPENED
ON THOSE
DAYS...

WHEN I
MENTIONED
THAT YOUR
BIRTHDAY IS
SEPTEMBER
13TH...

...SHE WAS
THE ONE
WHO SAID
WE SHOULD
SURPRISE
YOU.







AND I CAN'T
STAND...

...THE FACT
THAT...

...I HURT
HER.

"TAKEO..."

"TAKEO...!"

"I HOPE
HE LIKES
IT!"

IT'S FUN
BEING
WITH HER.

YAMATO IS
SO SWEET
AND KIND.

"TAKEO!"



...IS THAT FROM
NOW ON, YOU
TRY NOT TO HAVE
CONTACT WITH GIRLS
YOU USED TO LIKE--
INCLUDING SATO.

THAT'S
SOMETHING
YOU COULD
DO.

WHAT
I'D
SUG-
GEST
...

I'M ALWAYS
CAUSING
PROBLEMS
FOR HER.

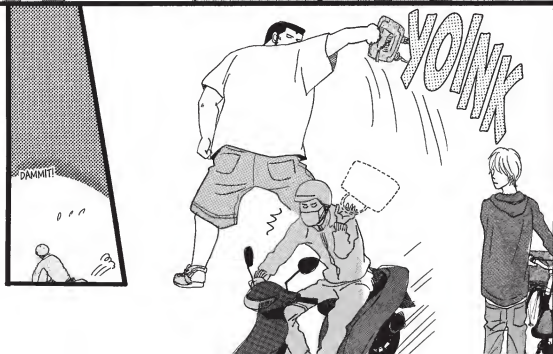


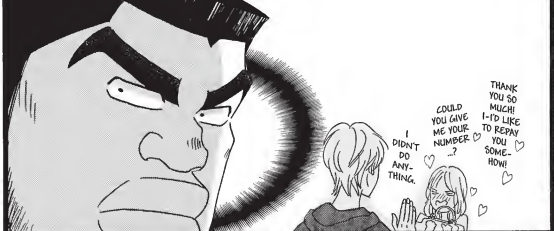
I WON'T
HAVE ANY
CONTACT
WITH THEM!
I'LL
CHANGE!

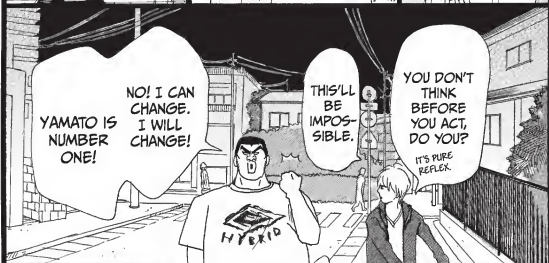
OKAY,
GOT
IT!

YEAH!
THAT
MAKES
SENSE!

I
GET
IT.







YAMATO IS
NUMBER
ONE!

NO! I CAN
CHANGE.
I WILL
CHANGE!

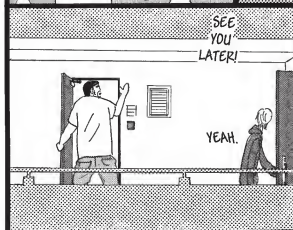
THIS'LL
BE IMPOS-
SIBLE.

YOU DON'T
THINK
BEFORE
YOU ACT,
DO YOU?

IT'S PURE
REFLEX.

NO.

YOU DON'T
NEED TO GO
THAT FAR.
YAMATO
UNDERSTANDS
PERFECTLY
WELL WHAT
KIND OF
PERSON
YOU ARE.





BUT I WAS
HAPPY YOU
CELEBRATED
MY BIRTHDAY.

REALLY?



I DIDN'T
REALLY NEED
A BLANKET
OR WANT TO
GO UP TO THE
MOUNTAINS.

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO ACT
SMART OR
BE GOOD AT
EVERYTHING.



YOU'RE
INCREDIBLY
SINCERE—
BOTH
YOU AND
YAMATO.

I'M SURE
THINGS'LL
WORK OUT
OKAY.



JUST
REMEMBER,
I'VE NEVER
HAD A GIRL-
FRIEND.

THANK
YOU!

SUNA!

I SEE.
YOU'RE
SO
RIGHT!

SO I DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO ADVISE
YOU.

YOU SEEM
LIKE YOU'VE
DATED AT
LEAST TEN
GIRLS.

YAMATO...



SHE'S
ALREADY
FEELING
DOWN!

I DON'T
EVER WANT
TO SEE
YOU SAD
AGAIN.

YOU'RE SO
IMPORTANT
TO ME.

HI,
TAKEO.

OF
COURSE
SHE'S
BOTHERED.
I CAN'T
FIND
THE
RIGHT
WORDS
...

I'M
SORRY,
YAMATO.

CRAP.

ARE YOU
BOTHERED
BY...

...WHAT
HAPPENED
THE
OTHER
DAY?

I HAVE
TO DO
SOME-
THING.

YAMATO
...

...YOU
WERE
MY FIRST
LOVE.

I
WISH...

RR-
ING

SATO
?!

HELLO
?

HI,
TAKEO
?

THIS IS
SATO.

TAKEO,
YOU
HAVE A
CALL.

OH.

WHAT?!

THAT GUY
FROM THE
TRAIN IS
FOLLOWING
ME.

LISTEN...

I
SEE.

I GOT
YOUR
NUMBER
WHEN WE
WERE ON
STUDENT
COUNCIL.

I STILL
HAVE
IT.

WHY?

SORRY
FOR
CALLING
LIKE
THIS.

WHAT'S
WRONG?

OH!

BUT HE'S
WAITING FOR
ME OUTSIDE
THE STORE. I'M
TOO SCARED
TO LEAVE.

I'M AT THE
CONVENIENCE
STORE IN
FRONT OF THE
PARK RIGHT
NOW.

THAT
GUY IS
HARASS-
ING HER
AGAIN.
SHE'S
IN THE
STORE
OVER BY
THE PARK.

IT'S
SATO
FROM
THE
OTHER
DAY.

WHAT-?

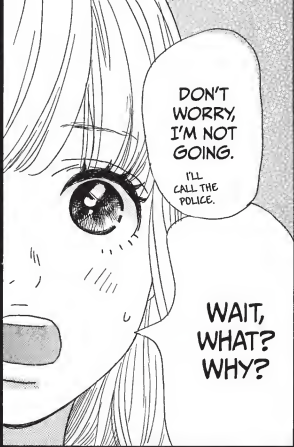
I CAN'T HAVE
CONTACT WITH
ANY GIRLS
OTHER THAN
YAMATO.

IRON-
CLAD
RULE



SHE
MUST BE
TERRIFIED...

...JUST
LIKE I
WAS.



DON'T
WORRY,
I'M NOT
GOING.

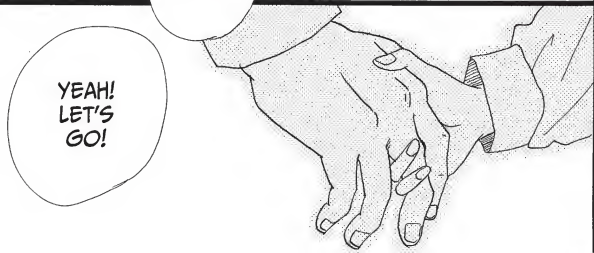
I'LL
CALL THE
POLICE.

WAIT,
WHAT?
WHY?

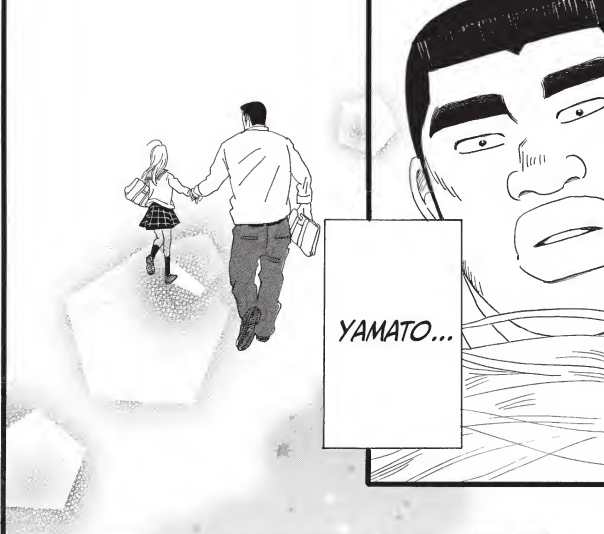


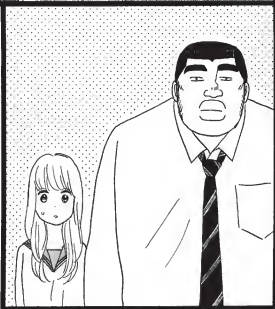
COME ON,
TAKEO!

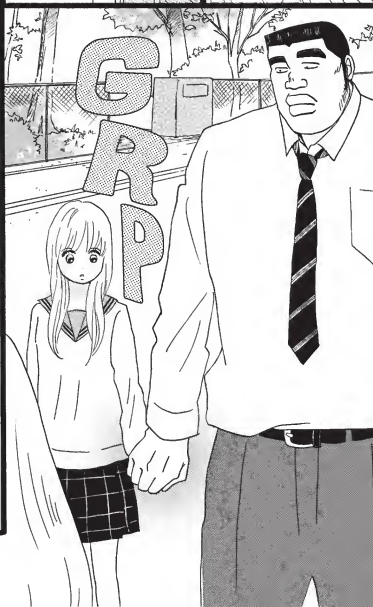
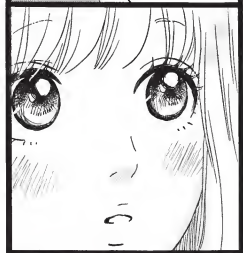
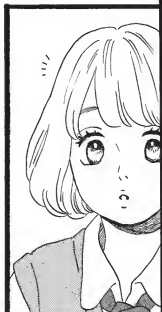
ARE YOU
SURE?



YEAH!
LET'S
GO!

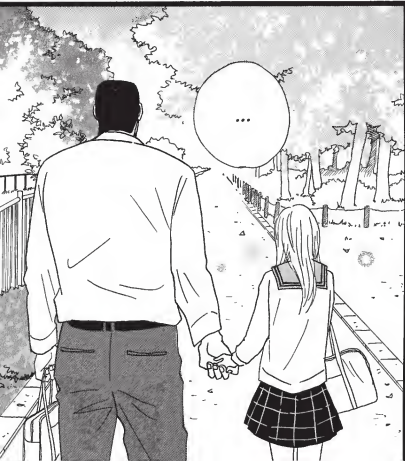








SEE YOU LATER.



I'M GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED.

YEAH.



I'M
SORRY.

SORRY.

HUH?

HM?



YOU'RE
THE FIRST
PERSON I'VE
BEEN IN LOVE
WITH.

I'M SORRY
I REACTED
SO BADLY.

WHY?

BUT
WHY?

BECAUSE
...

...

BUT IT'S
ONLY NATURAL
THAT YOU'VE
BEEN IN LOVE
BEFORE.

I'LL
GO FIRST
THEN.

?



YEAH, I
KNOW...

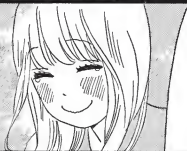


I
LOVE
YOU.

I
MUST'VE
BEEN
HARD
TO BE
AROUND.

I'M
SORRY.

YAMATO...



I DECIDED
THAT I
WOULDN'T
SAVE ANY
GIRLS BUT
YOU...

...BUT I
ENDED UP
SAVING HER
ANYWAY.

I'M
SORRY...

I'M
PATHETIC.

I REALLY
CAN'T FIND
THE RIGHT
WORDS.



WORRYING
ABOUT
WHETHER A
GIRL YOU SAVE
WILL FALL IN
LOVE WITH
YOU IS MY
PROBLEM.

AND SO
IS FEELING
UNCOM-
FORTABLE
WHEN YOU
TALK TO
OTHER
GIRLS.



ONE OF THE
THINGS I LOVE
ABOUT YOU IS
HOW YOU HELP
EVERYONE.



NO, THAT'S A
GOOD THING,
TAKEO!

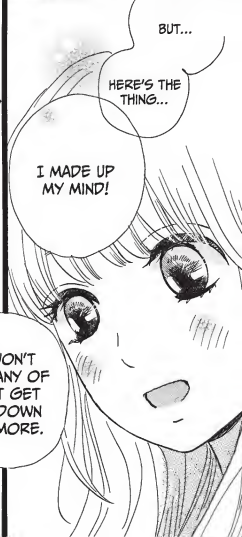


EVEN
IF...

...ANOTHER
GIRL FELL IN
LOVE WITH
YOU...

BUT...

HERE'S THE
THING...



I MADE UP
MY MIND!

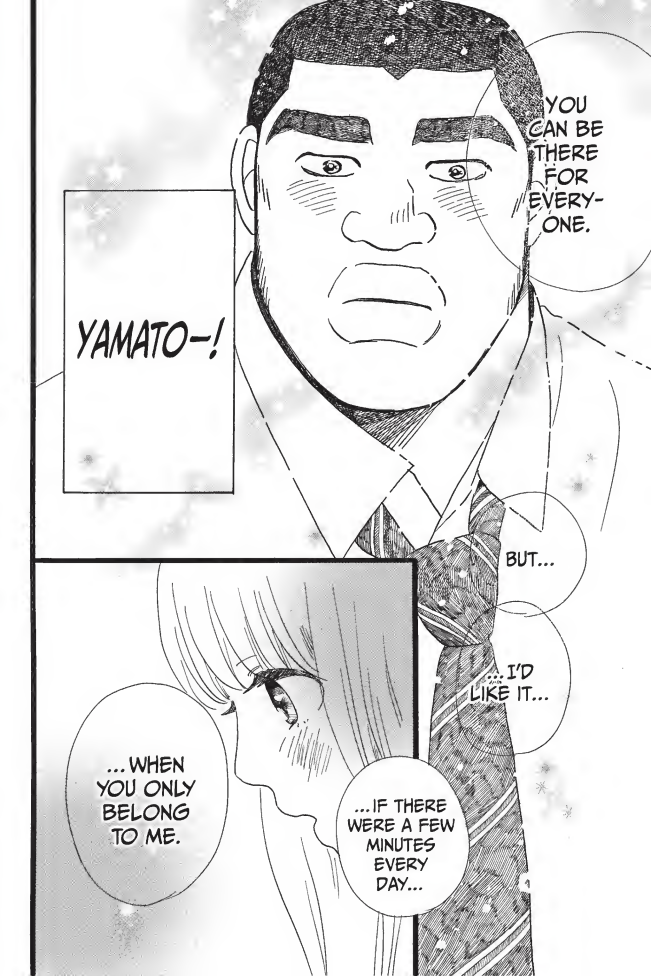
I WON'T
LET ANY OF
THAT GET
ME DOWN
ANYMORE.



...I WON'T
LOSE TO
HER. I'D
FIGHT FOR
YOU!

I WON'T
LET ANYONE
ELSE HAVE
YOU.

SO YOU
STAY JUST
THE WAY
YOU ARE.



YAMATO-!

YOU
CAN BE
THERE
FOR
EVERY-
ONE.

BUT...

... I'D
LIKE IT...

... WHEN
YOU ONLY
BELONG
TO ME.

... IF THERE
WERE A FEW
MINUTES
EVERY
DAY...



*I
REALLY
LOVE
YOU.*

THAT WOULD
BE ENOUGH
TO MAKE ME
HAPPY.



...I
BELONG
ONLY TO
YOU!

STARTING
RIGHT THIS
MOMENT...



I'LL BE
RIGHT
HERE UNTIL
SOMEONE IS
IN TROUBLE.

OKAY!

YAMATO...

APRIL
13TH AND
SEPTEMBER
13TH ARE
DAYS WE
CELEBRATE!
I REMEMBERED.

WOW!

BUT THERE
ARE MORE
DAYS THAN
THAT.

I DON'T
THINK
YOU CAN
REMEMBER
THEM ALL.

MAKE
A CHART
FOR ME.

OKAY.

LET'S
BE HAPPY
FOREVER.

THANK
YOU.

Hello, this is Kawahara! (The writer.)

In 2012, many people supported Takeo and his friends. It was a year full of great memories. Thank you so much.

Once I send in my storyboard, I can't wait to see what Aruko will draw. I laugh and cry along with the rest of you! Aruko, thank you for drawing such cute characters!

☆
☆ This is volume 3!
I'm so happy!
Thank you very much!
☆



The first time around, I skim through it, but the second time around, I read through it slowly. The background characters make funny faces! Takeo has strange reactions or clothes! Sunakawa acts like a Buddha...! It's all hilarious and gets more interesting the more I consume it. Kinda like how I feel about dried squid. I hope you read this manga over and over again.

Aruko came up with 99 percent of the idea for Takeo's dad. I love it. Just looking at his face makes me laugh. It's so amusing just to see him there. I wonder what it is that I find so funny about him?

(**To show how little I do)

I drew out a storyboard. ☹️ Aruko takes something like this and turns it into a comic.

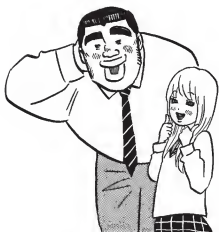


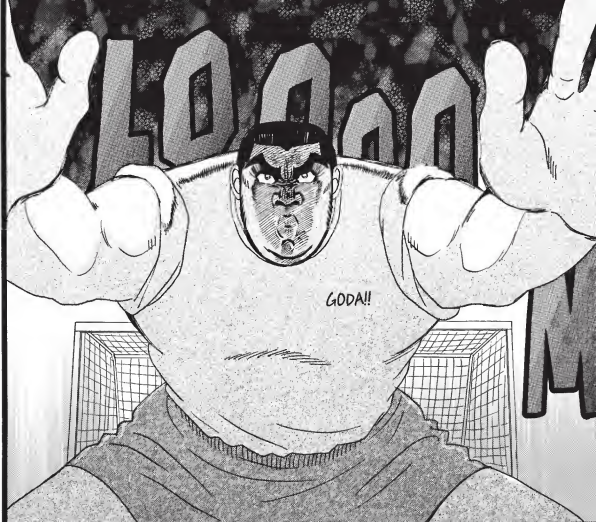
When Aruko turns this into manga, it's like magic!



MY Love **STORY!!**







HE
THROWS
THE BALL
LIKE A
BULLET!

HE
MOVES
WAY TOO
FAST TO
SEE!



WE CAN
BARELY
SEE THE
GOAL!

!!

GIVE US
A BREAK,
GROUP
6!

AW, MAN!
HAVING
TAKEN AS
GOALIE
ISN'T FAIR!



CONGRAT-
ULATIONS!

THE BOYS
WERE
WONDER-
FUL!

...

"CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
TAKEO!"

I
WONDER...

WE
DID IT,
TAKEO!

GODA!!

✉ From Yamato

AH!

How're you doing, Takeo ?
I'm doing great! 🙌
I'm going skating with
everyone today! 🐼
If you're free, would
you like to come with
some friends ? 🐼
We'll be at the Shisuta Town
Skating Rink.
This month, students can
get in for just 300 yen! 🐼

DING!

...WHAT
YAMATO'S
UP TO
RIGHT
NOW.

I HOPE
SHE'S
HAVING
A GOOD
DAY.

LOCKER ROOM

YOUR
GIRLFRIEND?!
AND HER
FRIENDS?!

WHO
WANTS
TO GO
SKATING
WITH
YAMATO
AND HER
FRIENDS
AFTER
THIS?

I'M
DOING
GREAT
TOO,
YAMATO!

SHE'S
DOING
GREAT.

I WANNA
GO!

YOU
WENT
LAST
TIME.

IT'S MY
TURN!

I'VE
GOT
WORK, BUT
I'LL CALL
IN SICK.

I'M
GOING
TOO!

Woohoo!



NEITHER
HAVE I.

I'VE
NEVER
SKATED
BEFORE.

YOU'LL BE
WARM IF
YOU MOVE
AROUND.

GRAB

I
DON'T
LIKE
BEING
COLD.



LOOKS
LIKE IT...

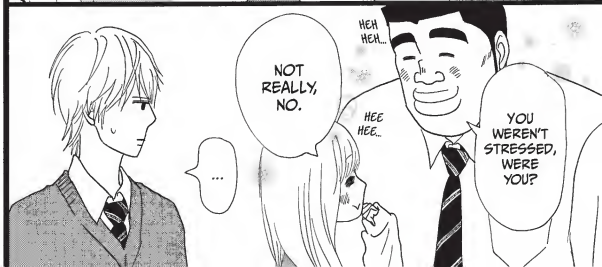
LUCKY,
HUH?

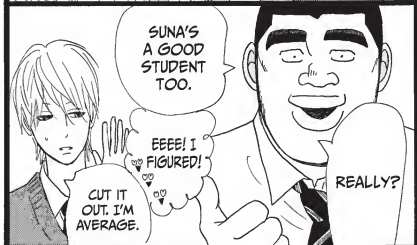
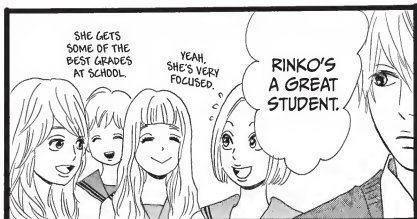
Absolutely! ☆☆☆
How lucky! ♥♥♥

It's the perfect
number.

I've got five friends
with me too! 🍀🍀

Re:
I'm free.
I'm bringing
five friends.
Is that all
right?







I GUESS
IT'S MORE
LIKE I'M
RIGHT
NEAR THE
BOTTOM...

WAIT UP,
TAKEO!

SWOOSH

JUST KEEP
MOVING
ONE FOOT
AFTER THE
OTHER.

HOW ARE
YOU SO
GOOD?

ISN'T THIS
YOUR FIRST
TIME SKATING,
TAKEO?

TAKE IT
SLOW.

OKAY.

HOLD
ON TO
ME.

WHOA
...!

slp

slp

...



WHO
IS THAT
GUY?!

INCREDIBLE!

MUR
MUR
MUR

HEY...

HUH?

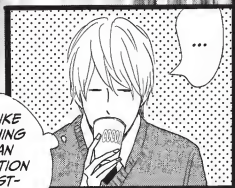
...A
LAYBACK
INA
BAUER
....!

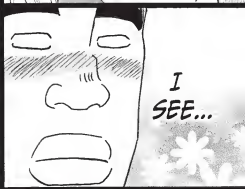
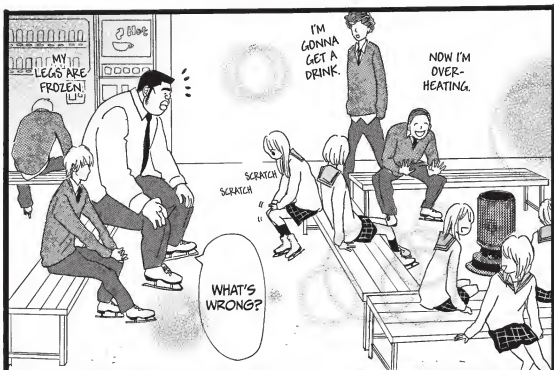
...INTO...

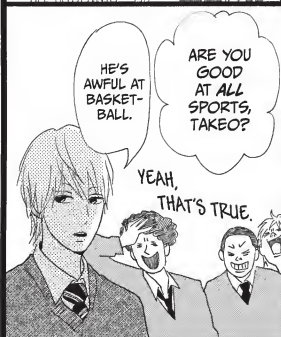
A
TRIPLE
AXEL...

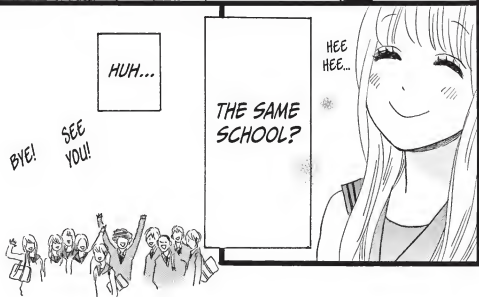


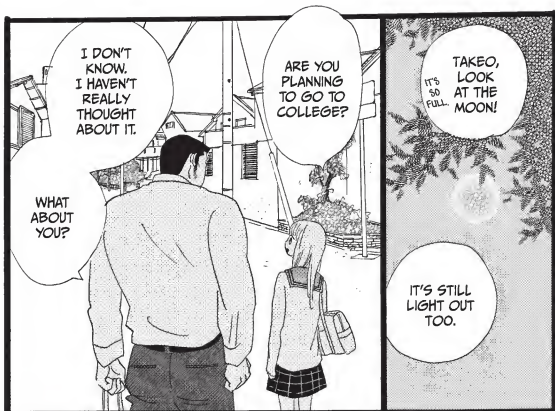
IT'S LIKE
WATCHING
HUMAN
EVOLUTION
IN FAST-
FORWARD...











I DON'T
KNOW.
I HAVEN'T
REALLY
THOUGHT
ABOUT IT.

ARE YOU
PLANNING
TO GO TO
COLLEGE?

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU?

IT'S
SO
FULL...
TAKEO,
LOOK
AT THE
MOON!

IT'S STILL
LIGHT OUT
TOO.



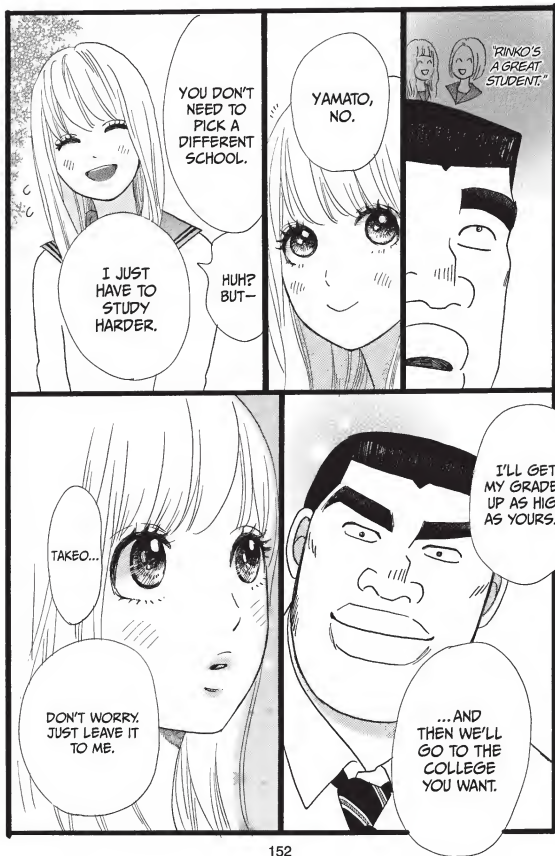
"I'D LIKE
TO GO TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL
AS YOU."

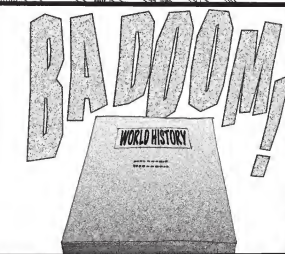
THEN I
COULD SEE
ALL THE
THINGS
YOU DO!
♡

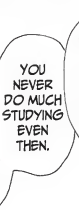
I WAS
THINKING ABOUT
MURASAKI FUJI
UNIVERSITY...

...BUT I MIGHT
GO SOMEPLACE
ELSE IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
COLLEGE.

I'D LIKE
TO GO TO
THE SAME
SCHOOL AS
YOU.









WELL,
WANT TO
START WITH
ENGLISH?

IT'S HANDY
FOR LIBERAL
ARTS AND
SCIENCES.

...OKAY,
GOT IT.



SHE WANTS
US TO GO
TO COLLEGE
TOGETHER.

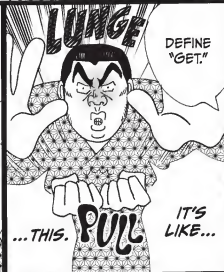
I WANT
TO DO ALL
I CAN TO
MAKE THAT
HAPPEN.



HOW
ABOUT
"FOR-
GET"?

IT'S
LIKE...

...THIS.



LUNGE

DEFINE
"GET."

...THIS. **PULL**

IT'S
LIKE...



DON'T
MENTION
IT.

THANKS,
SUNA!



YEAH, THAT'S
ACCURATE
TOO.

HA
HA.



THAT'S...

...PRETTY
ACCUR-
ATE.

YES!



LET'S TEST
OUT YOUR
BASIC
VOCAB.



HOW ARE
AOBENI OR
MATSUCHA
?

THEY'RE
NOT EASY,
BUT MORE
REALISTIC
THAN
MURASAKI
FUJI.

THAT'S
DEFINITELY
THE
HARDEST.

Hi, Takeo!

You know, even if Murasaki
Fuji is impossible, Aoben
University and Matsucha
University are both
nearby. 📱

I want to apply to a
liberal arts school. 📖
There's a mock exam coming
up soon. 📅

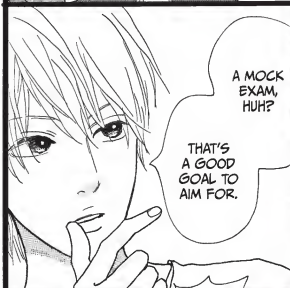
I figure I don't need to
take it yet, but if you
want to take it, then I
will too! ☺☺
Want to try it
together ??

DING!



OH!

IT'S
YAMATO.



A MOCK
EXAM,
HUH?

THAT'S
A GOOD
GOAL TO
AIM FOR.

I
SEE.



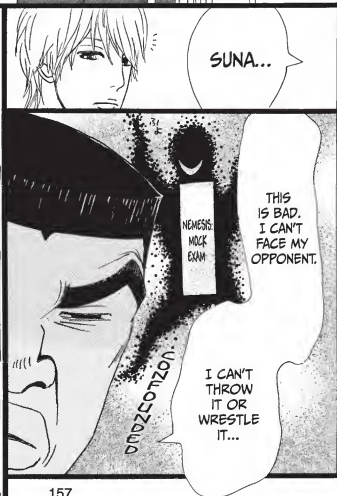
OKAY!

YOU'RE
TOO
LOUD...



MURASAKI
FUJI IT
IS!

WELL,
GIVE IT
YOUR
BEST
SHOT.



702

GODA!!

OH,
HELLO,
MAKOTO.

THANKS
FOR
HAVING
ME.

WHEN
I HAVE
TROUBLE, I
WANT YOU
TO SAY
"YAMATO!"

COULD YOU
COME TO
MY PLACE
TODAY?

SUNA...

...SURE.

?

GRR
...

YAMA-
TO.

YAMA-
TO.

UGH
...

YAMA-
TO.

UH
...

GOMP

GOMP

GOMP

KAGAK!

HELLO!
IS THIS
A BAD
TIME?

NO, NO!
COME
IN!

**TAKEO!
YOU HAVE
A VISITOR!**

**NOT
YET!**

GRR

HAVE YOU
BEEN DE-
FEATED
?

MATH
1...

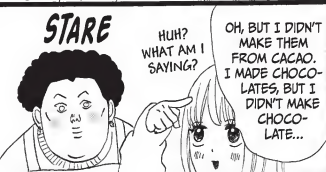
...IS
STRONG
...!



STARE

YOU
TEXTED
AND SAID
YOU'RE
STUDY-
ING?

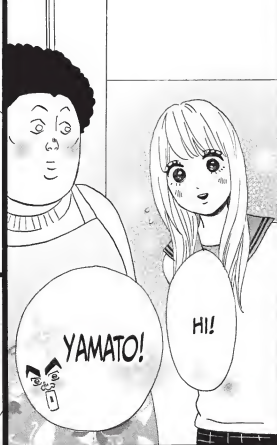
BRAINS
WORK
BETTER
WITH
SUGAR,
SO I MADE
SOME
CHOCO-
LATES.



STARE

HUH?
WHAT AM I
SAYING?

OH, BUT I DIDN'T
MAKE THEM
FROM CACAO.
I MADE CHOCO-
LATES, BUT I
DIDN'T MAKE
CHOCO-
LATE...



YAMATO!

HI!



IS THAT
GIRL
YOUR
GIRL-
FRIEND
?

YEAH,
SHE IS.



POP

TAKEO,
GIVE
ME A
HAND?

I'M GOING
TO MAKE
SOME
TEA. MAKE
YOURSELF
COMFOR-
TABLE!

OKAY.

TAKEO...

desk?
OH!
THANK
YOU!



WAIT
THERE.

NO, I
DON'T. GO
TO YOUR
ROOM.

DO YOU
NEED MY
HELP?

I'M GOING
TO GET SOME
BETTER TEA.

THIS TEA
WON'T
DO AT
ALL.

ZOO—M

TOSS

S/AM



I TOLD HER
YOU'RE MY
GIRLFRIEND.

dosko

HUH?
OH, OKAY.

SHOULD
I NOT
HAVE
TOLD
HER?



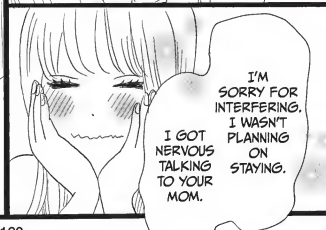
WHAT? SHE
WENT TO
THAT MUCH
TROUBLE
?!
I FEEL
KIND
OF
BAD...

WHERE'S
YOUR
MOM?

ISN'T SHE
PREGNANT?
SHE SEEMS
AWFULLY
ENERGETIC.

dosko

SHE WENT
TO BUY
SOME
TEA.



I'M
SORRY FOR
INTERFERING.
I WASN'T
PLANNING
ON
STAYING.

I GOT
NERVOUS
TALKING
TO YOUR
MOM.



YAY.



I'M
GLAD.

NO.

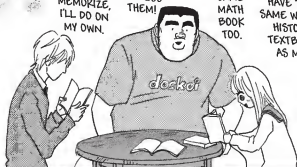
THE
QUESTIONS
I HAVE TO
MEMORIZE,
I'LL DO ON
MY OWN.

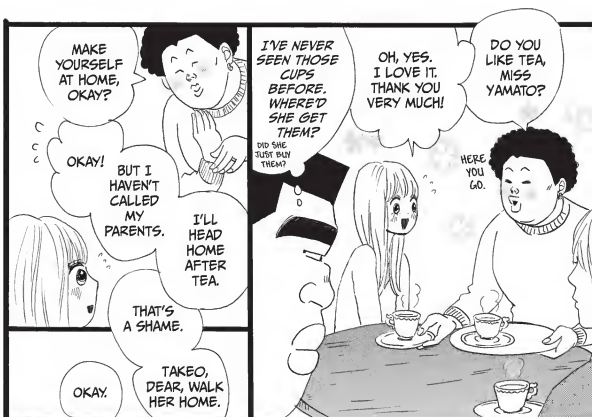
SO WE
CAN
DISCUSS
THEM!

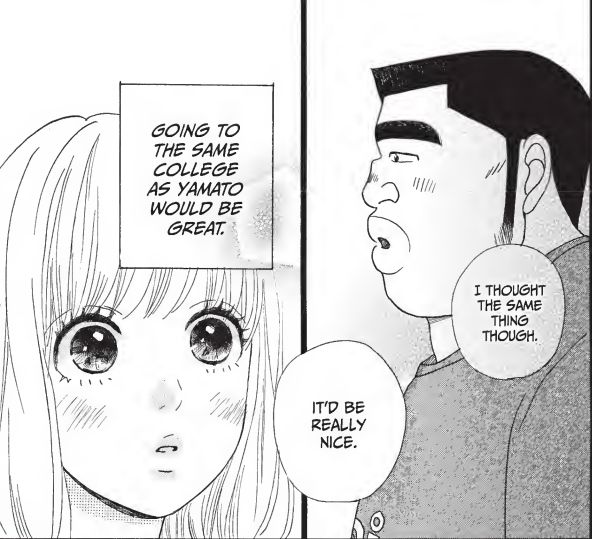
AND THE
SAME
MATH
BOOK
TOO.

OH, YOU
HAVE THE
SAME WORLD
HISTORY
TEXTBOOK
AS ME!

STUDYING IS
SURPRISINGLY
FUN.







GOING TO
THE SAME
COLLEGE
AS YAMATO
WOULD BE
GREAT.

I THOUGHT
THE SAME
THING
THOUGH.

IT'D BE
REALLY
NICE.



ALL RIGHT!
I'LL COME
OVER
TOMORROW!
LET'S STUDY
TOGETHER.

I'M GOING TO
BE STUDYING
ON THE
WEEKEND TOO,
SO COME
OVER IF YOU
HAVE SOME
FREE TIME.
HANG
OUT WITH
ME.

AND I
WILL TOO.
WE'LL
BOTH
DO OUR
BEST!

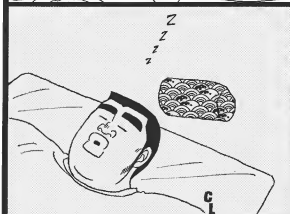
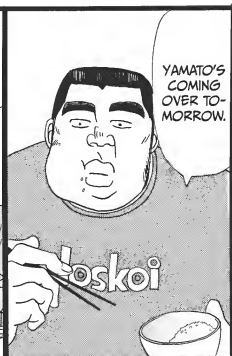
OKAY!

YEAH! BEING
TOGETHER IS
THE *MOST*
FUN. DO YOUR
BEST, TAKEO!



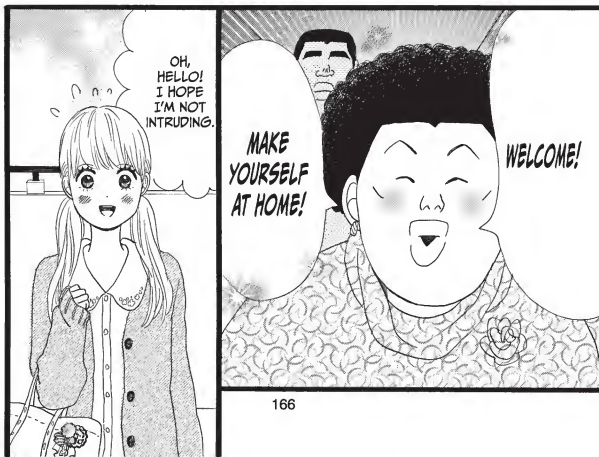
...IF YAMATO
WAS ALWAYS
RIGHT
BESIDE ME.

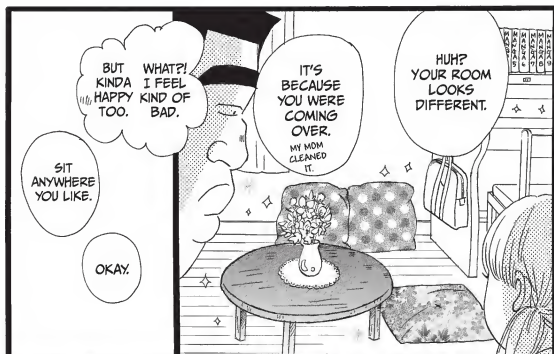
I THOUGHT
ABOUT HOW
NICE IT'D
BE...





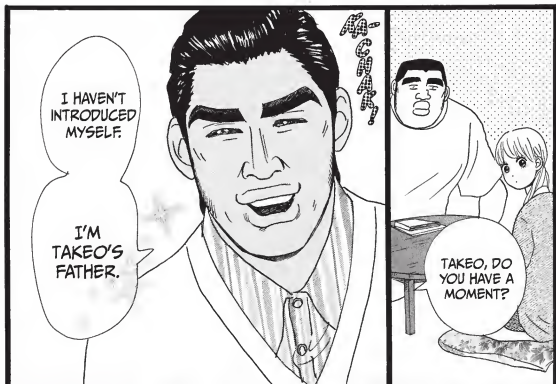
DING DONG





**KNOCK
KNOCK!**

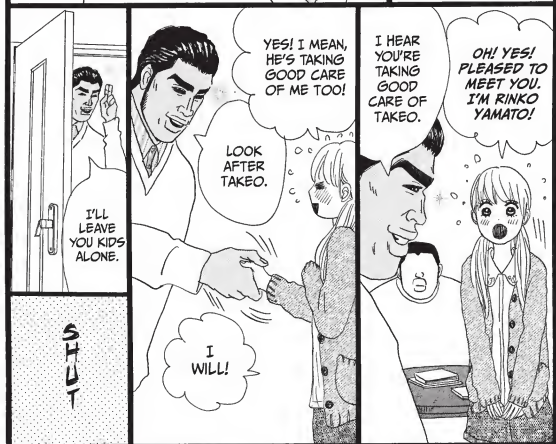




I HAVEN'T
INTRODUCED
MYSELF.

I'M
TAKEO'S
FATHER.

TAKEO, DO
YOU HAVE A
MOMENT?



LOOK
AFTER
TAKEO.

I
WILL!

I'LL
LEAVE
YOU KIDS
ALONE.

SHUT

I HEAR
YOU'RE
TAKING
GOOD
CARE OF
TAKEO.

OH! YES!
PLEASED TO
MEET YOU.
I'M RINKO
YAMATO!

YES! I MEAN,
HE'S TAKING
GOOD CARE
OF ME TOO!

OKAY, THEN—
30 MINUTES,
STARTING
NOW!

OKAY.

YOU
THINK
SO?

I THOUGHT
YOU TOOK
AFTER YOUR
MOM, BUT YOU
TAKE AFTER
YOUR DAD
TOO!

I WAS SO
NERVOUS!

SLAM

ARE YOU
HUNGRY?

HOW LONG
HAVE YOU
BEEN
DATING
TAKEO?

OOH, THEY'RE
SCRUMPTIOUS.

OH MY, DID
YOU MAKE
THESE?
THAT'S
AMAZING.

DO YOU
LIKE RICE
CRACKERS?

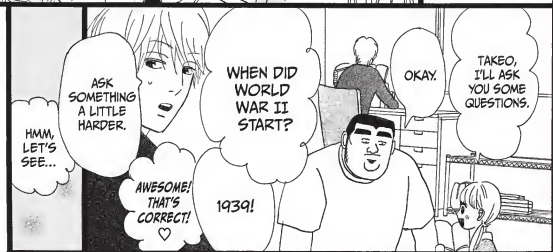
YES! AND I
BROUGHT
SWEET
SNACKS
TODAY.
I'M GLAD
WE GOT
DIFFERENT
THINGS.

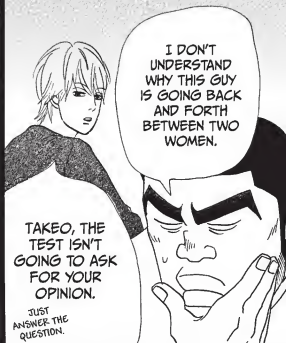


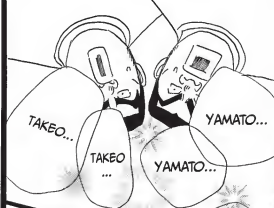
IT'S FUN.
DO YOU
KNOW
ISHIKAWA?

UM...
GOLF?
I DON'T
WATCH
IT VERY
OFTEN.

YOUR
DAD IS A
GOLFER?
I'M A
GOLFER
TOO.







TAKEO...

TAKEO

YAMATO...

YAMATO...



!!



ME!

I'M
TAKEO!

I'M THE
REAL ONE!
WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
TAKEO?!

WHICH
OF YOU IS
REAL?!

ME!



MOVING
RIGHT
ALONG.

THIS
ISN'T WHAT
I THOUGHT
WOULD HAPPEN,
BUT WHATEVER.

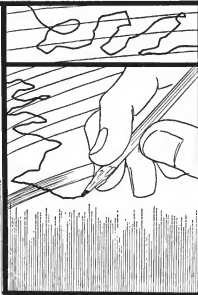
NOOOO!
I DON'T KNOW!

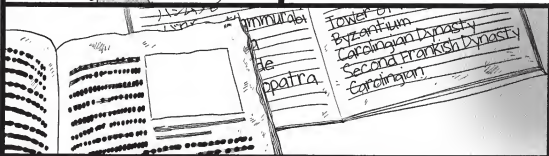
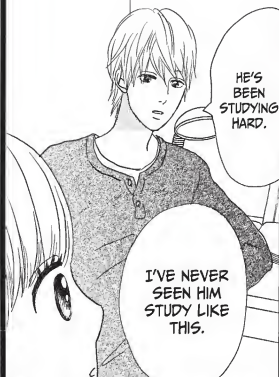
THAT'D BE
HORRIBLE!
I WOULDN'T
KNOW WHO
TO PICK!

THUD!!

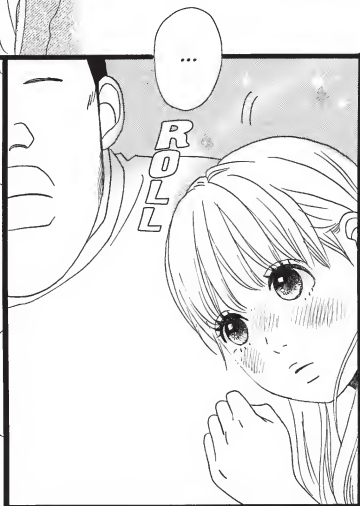
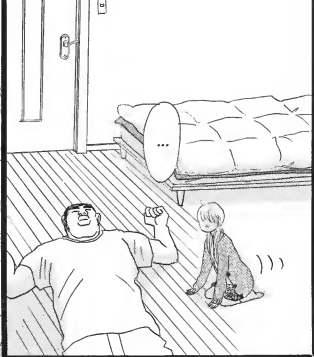


TAKEO
?!





SHOT





SCORING
→

...

IT'S STILL
LIGHT, SO
I CAN GO
HOME BY
MYSELF.

OKAY!
SEE
YOU!

WELL,
GOOD
LUCK.

THANKS FOR
LETTING US
COME OVER,
SUNAKAWA.

OH,
YEAH?

I HAVEN'T
THOUGHT AT
ALL ABOUT
WHAT I'M
GOING TO
DO.

YEAH, I
GUESS
SO.

I HAVEN'T
DECIDED
WHERE YET,
THOUGH.

SUNA,
ARE YOU
GOING TO
COLLEGE?

WELL...

OH.

GOT
IT!

I'M NOT
GONNA AIM
LOW, SO YOU
NEED TO KEEP
STUDYING
HARD.

WANT TO GO
TO THE SAME
COLLEGE?

IT'D BE
FUN TO
HAVE YOU
AROUND.

WHY
DO YOU
ASK?



YOU DON'T
NEED TO
UNDER-
STAND.

EXACTLY.

WHY?



SO YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T
NEED IT.

THE POINT
OF STUDYING
IS TO LEARN
THINGS THAT'LL
HELP YOU
AVOID MAKING
THE WRONG
CHOICES IN
LIFE.



HEH...



I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
COMPLEX
THINGS.

AND
I'M...

YOU KNOW,
I CAN ALMOST
SEE YOU
GETTING INTO
MURASAKI
FUJI.

REALLY?

...I'LL
TRY TO
OVERCOME
MY
LIMITATIONS.

BUT IF I
CAN MAKE
THEM
HAPPY...

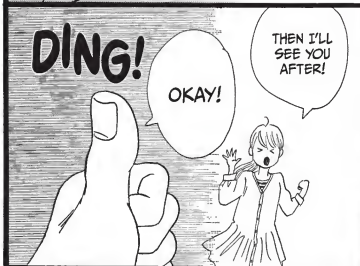
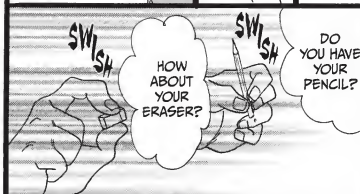
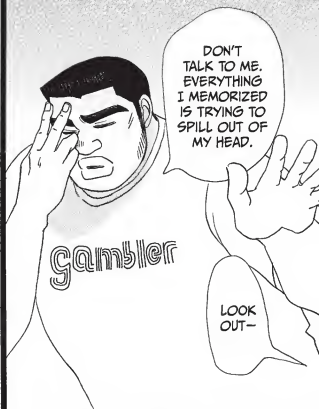
...NOT
REALLY
GOOD AT
STUDYING.

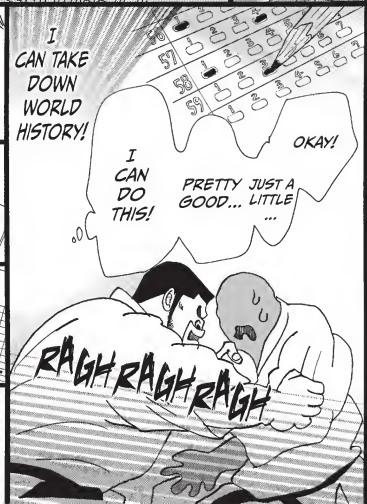
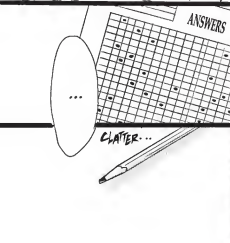
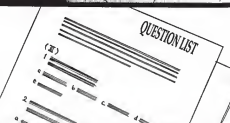
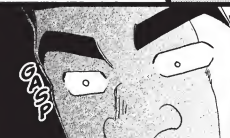
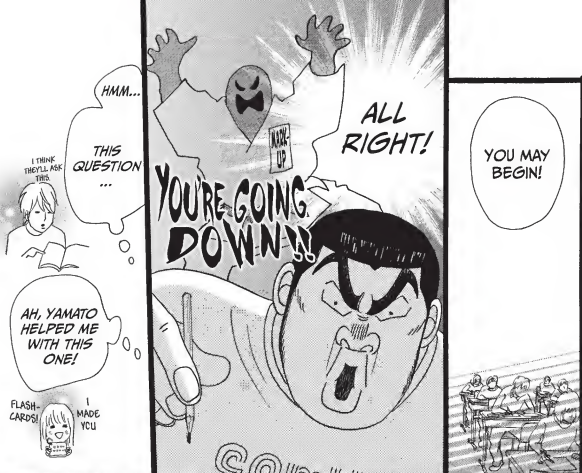


TAKEO...



**MOCK
EXAM
ROOM**





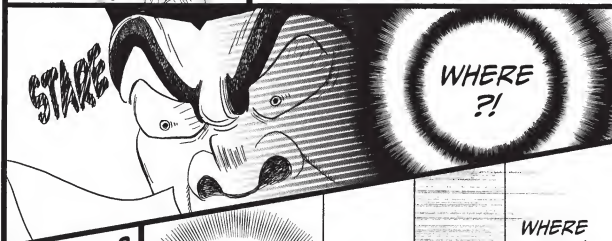


"MY
ANSWERS
WERE ALL
OFF BY
ONE."



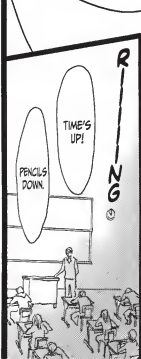
...OFF
BY ONE
SOME-
WHERE!!

MY
ANSWERS
ARE...



STAGE

WHERE
?!



PENCILS
DOWN.

TIME'S
UP!

R
N
G



I'VE GOT
TO FIX AS
MANY AS
POSSIBLE!

RUBB
RUBB
RUBB

I
CAN'T
GIVE
UP!

WHERE
DID I
MAKE
THE
MISTAKE
?!

WHERE
IS IT?!



A FEW
DAYS
LATER

...

I'LL HAVE
MORE
CHANCES.

I'LL DEFEAT
THE NEXT
SUBJECT!

LET'S
GO
FOR
IT!

THAT'S
TRUE.

Mock Exam Results

Shuei High School Takeo Goda

First Choice

Murasaki Fuji University

X Recommendation
Impossible

...

I'M
GOING
TO CALL
YAMATO.

///

...

**"IMPOS-
SIBLE"**

...

SHOCK

IT
MEANS
THEY
CAN'T
RECOM-
MEND
YOU.

IT'S AN "X"
BESIDE
"RECOMMEND-
ATION."

WHAT'S AN "X
RECOMMEND-
ATION"?

"S" MEANS YOU
PASSED WITH
DISTINCTION.
"A" MEANS YOU
PASSED.

I'M
GONNA
DO MY
BEST.

SO
LET'S
AIM
FOR
THAT!

LISTEN. IF
WE WORK
HARD, I THINK
WE CAN GO
TO HAKUTO
UNIVERSITY.

HA HA!
SPEAKING
OF
IMPOSSIBLE,
I DIDN'T DO
VERY WELL
EITHER.

I SEE.
WELL, YOU
COULDN'T
ENROLL AT
MURASAKI
FUJI ANYWAY.

YAMATO
...

SO
YOU'RE
GIVING
UP ON
MURASAKI
FUJI?

YEAH.

I MEAN,
MURASAKI
FUJI IS A
WOMEN'S
COLLEGE.

HA HA!
I'M FINE
WITH
THAT.

BECAUSE YOU
WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO GO.

...BUT IT
REALLY WAS
IMPOSSIBLE.

YEAH. IT
WAS NICE
TO THINK
THAT YOU'D
BE THERE...

IT... IT'S
WHAT?!



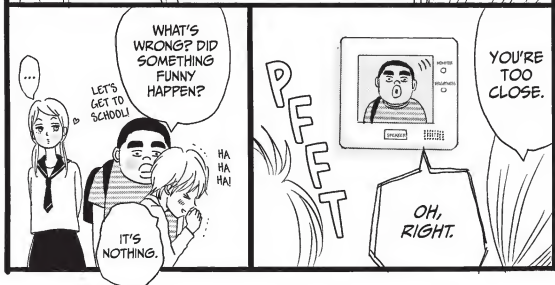
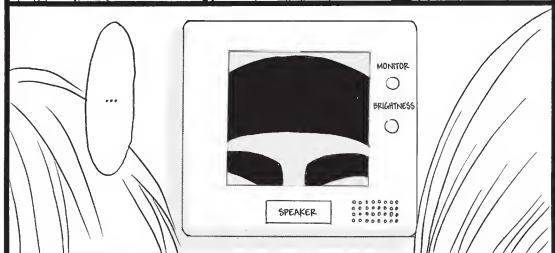
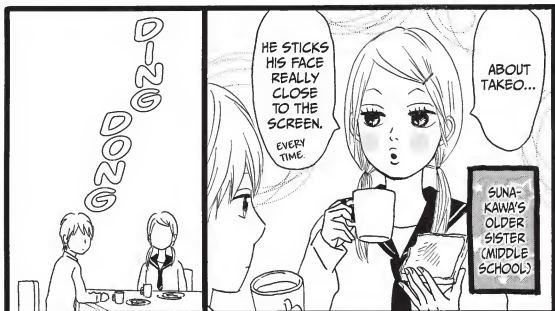
HUH?
SUNAKAWA?

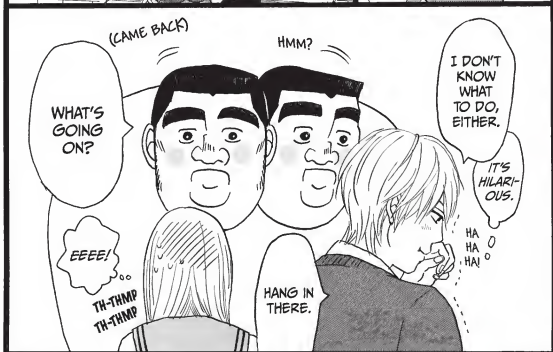
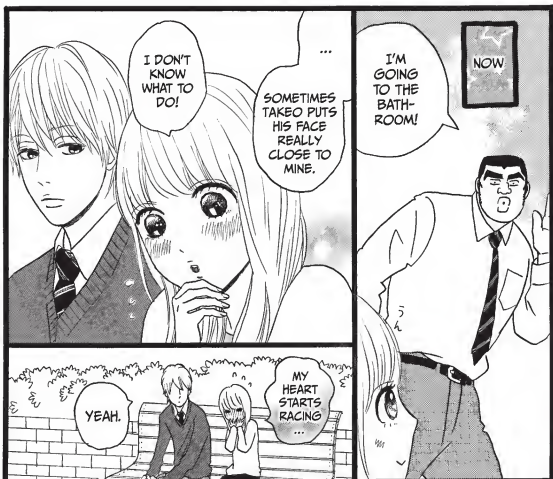
YOU
TRICKED
ME, SUNA!

TO BE CONTINUED...

BONUS MANGA







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When I drew the sketch for the one-shot, I wasn't thinking about what would happen later on. Some of my favorite characters, like Takeo's dad, didn't appear then, so I'm really glad it didn't just end there. Aruko and everyone else, thank you for your support.

— Kazune Kawahara

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It's volume 3!
In the beginning, I didn't think I'd get to draw this much. It's so fun and exciting every time I work on this series. I feel like I've been saved by Takeo and his friends many times now. I'm really glad to be a part of this. Thanks for reading!

— Aruko

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